



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10 October 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



What will happen on Monday when freedom is supposedly restored for the vaccinated? To the best of my knowledge, we have never been in a situation where different people in the same local area are systematically governed by different rules depending on their vaccination status. How strictly will we be checked? Will anyone actually be refused entry for failing to produce a vaccine certificate? How will the government monitor compliance? Will some businesses actually be issued with \$50,000 fines? There's so much which is unknown about the "brave new world" defined by the status of corona-vaccination. Fortunately in Australia, the social experiment is meant to be tried only on a short term basis, at least according to the current plan. Perhaps it is possible that churches could reopen from Monday, without overtly enforcing the 'Vaccinated Only' policy, and there would be no real policing and therefore no penal consequences. However, to do so might be to break the law unnecessarily, especially when, only two weeks later, churches will be exempted from having to enforce the divisive policy. More importantly, the Catholic Church (from Sydney all the way to Rome) will always be on the record for taking a gentle and yet firm stand against demanding vaccination as a condition of entry into the celebration of the Eucharist. How all this will be judged by history remains to be seen.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Last Thursday, on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a group of parishioners and I prayed the rosary and live-streamed it. There were familiar faces I had not seen for over a hundred days! Each of the five Glorious Mysteries was led by a different person who prepared their own prayer and reflection. A few of our talented musicians contributed to making the whole evening a moving experience. Hopefully this was a taste of much more to come in the near-distant future. *Contemplation* has been a personal goal of mine during the long lockdown. To contemplate is to keep the lines open, patiently and trustingly, so that the saving work of God may be unlocked deep in our soul. But contemplation can be quite a challenge, requiring the wisdom to let go of what is empty/superficial, in favour of what is substantially nourishing. Something tells me that praying the rosary more could have helped me greatly in my contemplative endeavours, through the most loving influence of Our Lady over the wildness of my own heart. To pray the rosary is to create a little church in our own homes - a little sanctuary wherever we may be - which not even a pandemic can throw into a lockdown! - Fr Peter -

The Sacredness in Dying: a reflection by Elizabeth Gooley

As I sat by mum's (June Roebuck's) bedside during the last 16 hours of her life, I saw mum gradually let go of her last 'possessions'. Mum had been slowly letting go throughout her life of all that is 'unnecessary', but in the final hours she was called to 'hand over' to God and let go of anything remaining, until the 'great surrender'. Over the hours I noticed mum's physical self change, her breathing, her skin tone. While mum wasn't in pain, this I'll be honest, was very difficult for me to watch. I wasn't able to do anything for mum except be with her as she made her last journey. But, I realised, just as there is a labouring necessary in birth, so there is a labouring necessary in death, and all we can do is accompany others as they walk their path, and trust that God is walking with them and us also. Continued on Page 2

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The Week Ahead

Sun 10 October 28th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 11 October	No Mass
Tue 12 October	9.15am Mass
Wed 13 October	7am Mass
Thu 14 October	9.15am Mass
Fri 15 October St Teresa of J	9.15am Mass
Sat 16 October	7.00am Mass 7.25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 17 October 29th 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.

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While mum's dying hours were a time of suffering for me, they were also special and infused with our One True Love. This Love was of course present in her caring nurses who ensured mum was pain free, and also in her children talking, praying and dozing. But it was most present, in mum herself, as moment by moment she trusted ever more deeply, and let go

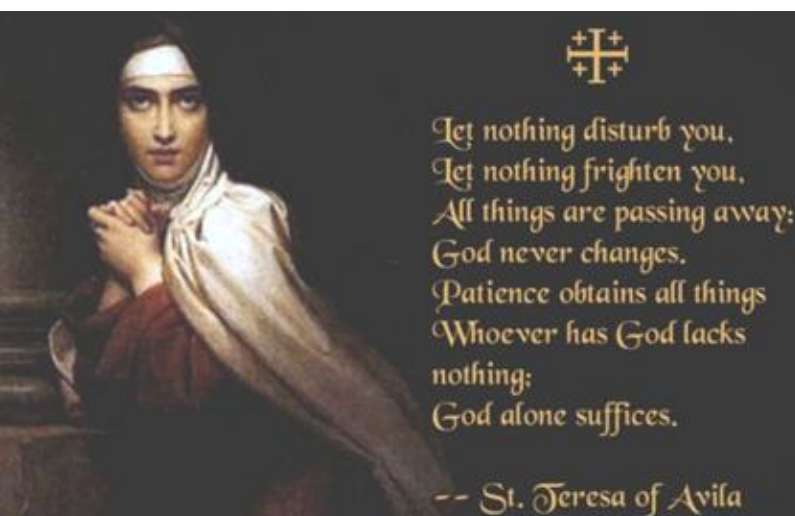


until her last exhalation, when she returned to the Christ who created her out of Love, through Love and for Himself. At that precious moment, I became aware that all that was left of mum was her true inner self as created in the image of our loving and merciful God. Mum had handed herself over, without reservation, to her Creator God.

A few days before mum passed away, in my sadness, I asked mum's nurse 'what was to come?'. She told me calmly and with great compassion, 'June will lead the way'. Indeed, mum (June) did 'lead the way' and also helped me experience yet again, God's infinite Presence. In mum's dying, the sacredness and unfathomable mystery of life and death, the paschal mystery, was laid out before me, the pattern of all created life. Such a blessed gift. Truthfully, God in His time, lovingly breathes life into all of creation and lovingly, in His time, calls creation back to Himself.

- Elizabeth Gooley -

The Archbishop has made the decision (which I fully support) that our churches will officially reopen at 80% for everyone rather than at 70% only for the vaccinated. This means that **public Masses will be celebrated once again here at Regina Coeli around 25 October** and we have about two weeks to prepare for some heartfelt and meaningful participation in the celebration of the Eucharist!



-- St. Teresa of Avila

Your wisdom

Govern everything by your wisdom, O Lord, so that my soul may always be serving you in the way you will and not as I choose. Let me die to myself so that I may serve you; let me live to you who are life itself. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon (or a choice of song):

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of 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, 'Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!' *(Pause)* What gives us reasons to sing for joy, as a sign of the presence of divine love in our lives? *(Pause)* What holds us back from losing ourselves more completely in the love of God and singing, to the much needed benefit of others, a new song of joy? *(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)* May your graces, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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: Quite a series of accolades regarding wisdom! 'Compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand...I loved her more than wealth or beauty!' We might desire many things. But how often do we desire wisdom? What makes wisdom so immensely superior to the other things in life which are also good? Do we want to *be* good or just *appear* to be good? Plenty of things can make us *look* good. But only wisdom can allow us to *become* good by participating in the substantial goodness of God which makes us good through and through, from inside out, and all the money in this world cannot buy this, not even a little bit.

After the 2nd reading: Wake up! Take the red pill! How do we know that we are not dreaming or deluding ourselves? To listen to the word of God is to have the darkness of falsehood dispelled from our hearts and minds. In this way everything becomes 'uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.' To which shadowy area

in my consciousness does the word of God speak today, so as to reveal me to myself and set me free?

After the Gospel: Jesus said, 'No one is good but God alone.' We cannot truly know ourselves without a transcendent point of reference, namely, God. Otherwise we become like the rich man from today's Gospel who mistook a highly controlled, self-justifying life for a truly good life which is a gratuitous gift from above. Jesus loved him, wanting him to be set free by learning the art of trust and experiencing a depth of goodness which was unattainable except through the power of grace. A camel carries too much baggage and cannot walk through the narrow gate. Jesus loves us. What might he be asking us to unload at present?

The Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: Jesus said, 'There is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake...who will not be paid a hundred times over.' Let us take the risk of handing over our precious burdens to the merciful heart of Jesus so that all may benefit from manifold returns.

Reader: We pray for the leaders of our Australian Church and Plenary Council members as they draw the first Council meeting to an end. We pray that their work, and that of their support team, will continue to be fruitful over the coming months until it concludes next year. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who have left everything for Christ; may they be strengthened in their pursuit of Christ, as we support them in prayer. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for those who struggle to find a life balance between the pursuit of riches and the need to be wise in their relationships. Give them the grace to understand what is important for eternal life. *(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):

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

*(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew
misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 10:17-30
or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)**

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

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