



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17 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

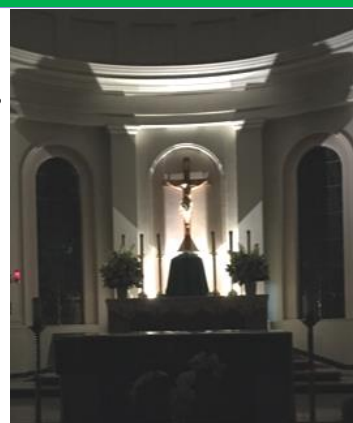
(Adoration and Reconciliation after Mass)

5:00pm (Vigil Mass)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30-10:00am; 4:25-4:50pm

I used to keep the church open for as long as possible, lest an inspired visitor might be disappointed by a closed door. But the sun would set quite early, especially during winter, leaving the church in near complete darkness. One day a parishioner who was making an evening visit wondered if we could switch on just enough light to create a safe and prayerful ambience. We discovered that the little spot-lights for the crucifix achieved just the effect. That week I went on to buy a timer so that the lights could come on automatically to the delight of late visitors. On the first evening, after the setup was complete, I walked into the church to check that everything was working according to plan. Someone was already inside, praying. It was a familiar parishioner who said that she liked how the church looked. She also said that she hoped to visit more frequently, especially given that her workplace had just gone into a lockdown on account of rising cases in the area. Little did we know that, in less than 24 hours, the entire world around us, including the church itself, would be thrown into a lockdown, for no less than 100 days! When we finally met again recently, I asked her how life had been. She told me and I thought that she had an amazing outlook which was conducive to finding God's grace *everywhere*! I asked her to share her story with other parishioners and she wrote to me as follows:



*Dear Fr Peter, Easing back to work on Monday the 11th of October my work colleague stated to me that we had been in lockdown and unable to work for a total of 107 days. Had it really been that long? Like all things I think we have in us a capacity to adjust. Now rewind to June 25th. Before this date I had been trying to work out a way where I could attend a few weekday Masses. I also wanted/needed to make time for personal reflection and if I could incorporate a healthy fast paced walk/run into the mix., well these things had been nagging away at me for some time. I was ready to make the changes that were needed in pursuit of finding inner peace and feeling centred. I thought I'll pray on it and I was sure that God would provide a way. Then lo and behold unbeknownst to me a total of 107 days were presented to me. Unable to physically attend Mass, I was re-directed to daily Mass online. I also feel blessed to belong to the women's prayer group here at Regina Coeli, this mix of 'prayer warriors' not only fed me, they nourished me, they sustained me. Via WhatsApp, podcasts are posted, daily mass readings, reflections, daily blessings and prayer requests are shared and some divinely answered! Then there is a flourishing weekly zoom rosary prayer hour (trying to keep it to just an hour of course hardly ever happens, we are women after all and we love to linger a while longer) what also occurred during this period and what I consider so rewarding to me, have been the powerful conversations I have had with my family, mainly my children. Dialogues of our views on faith in life that ordinarily because of our busy, fast paced lives I doubt we would have had. The Holy Spirit filled my house, candles were lit in all prayer sections of our home and gospel music regularly playing set the mood for allowing the Spirit to penetrate all moments of every waking hour, my eyes were open to God in everything, everywhere, I finally felt so connected to God present with me at every moment. **Regards, Jessica Markos.***

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The Week Ahead

Sun 17 October 29th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 18 October St Luke	No Mass
Tue 19 October	9.15am Mass
Wed 20 October	7am Mass Noon Funeral Mass for David Brown
Thu 21 October	9.15am Mass
Fri 22 October	9.15am Mass
Sat 23 October	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 24 October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

David Walter Brown, deceased on 12/10/2021, was a man of great faith, a parishioner for 63 years. For enquiries about the funeral or to send wishes please contact the daughter: gaibrown16@gmail.com

Recently Deceased

David Brown, Bill Gately, June Roebuck, Bradley Murphy, Bernie Langtry, Luigia Zegarelli, Peter Peters, Christopher McDowell, Frank Capra

In Loving Memory

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

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,

Rosary Statue
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Reasonableness toward the unvaccinated

As you might be aware, I am what they call a “fully vaccinated” person, that is, at least until the next jab becomes the new standard for “full vaccination.” At present there seems to be a lot of fear and suspicion toward those who are unvaccinated. But is this reasonable, let alone Christian?

We are told that the vaccines are highly effective. On the one hand, if the vaccines protect us from being infected by the virus, then why should we feel threatened by the unvaccinated who, if they are healthy with no symptoms, most likely do not carry the virus or spread it? Think of our unvaccinated children! On the other hand, if the vaccines do not prevent us from being infected by the virus, then why should the unvaccinated be singled out as though only they were capable of being vectors?

The truth is that overseas data clearly indicates that the virus spreads even among the vaccinated, at times quite rapidly. But the good news is that the vaccinated are much less likely to suffer severely, or mortally, from the virus. Strictly speaking, then, the unvaccinated might be at greater risk when it comes to mixing with the vaccinated than the other way round. Many of us will probably come across the virus at some stage (if we haven't already) and develop natural immunity, some with the help of the vaccines, others without them.

This seems to be our best hope, namely, that the vaccines will reduce symptoms and even save lives, especially for the vulnerable. After all, this isn't the kind of virus we can eliminate simply through mass vaccination. I believe that the attitude of fear and suspicion toward the unvaccinated has been an unfortunate product of social-engineering by the media and politicians who wanted to apply maximum pressure in regard to vaccination. But for us to uncritically adopt such an attitude might be neither reasonable nor Christian. - Fr Peter -

The new rules upon reaching the 80% vaccination rate were expected to come into effect from 25 October. That is just after the weekend of 23/24 October. But if, with the 80% vaccination rate being reached sooner than expected, the new rules also come into effect sooner than expected, then, the church of Regina Coeli will definitely open for the weekend of 23/24 October, if not sooner.

Write to your NSW MP ahead of euthanasia vote

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich is tabling his euthanasia bill in parliament this week.

It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill.

The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

As one of the world's leading bioethicists, Archbishop Fisher is widely respected for his contribution to public debate on pro-life issues such as euthanasia. Archbishop Fisher will speak specifically about some of his deep concerns about the proposed euthanasia laws in NSW in an episode of the popular podcast, *This Catholic Life*, which will be available from Thursday 14 October here: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/category/podcasts/>

Liturgy of the Word

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon (or a choice of song):

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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, 'Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.' *(Pause)* Let's give thanks to God for his merciful presence in our lives, which abounds where there is trust. *(Pause)* Let's humbly acknowledge the problem of our inconsistent trust; may the pain of lack of trust become a new means by which the healing mercy of God enters our world. *(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)* Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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: It is fascination, the notion that suffering becomes the means by which supreme good is brought about in our world. At first there is suffering. But others are blessed by that suffering. And the suffering eventually ends, just as the Cross is followed by the Resurrection. Have we ever witnessed how acceptance of suffering by a person can bring many blessings to others?

After the 2nd reading: Jesus is the high priest who has attained to the greatest possible glory. What makes him even greater in our affectionate estimation is the fact that he is capable of 'feeling our weaknesses with us.' Jesus suffered not just on the way of the cross but even more fundamentally by sharing in our human nature and becoming vulnerable to all that afflicts us. This means that when we are in pain he is there, with grace and mercy. What kind of pain do I

feel most acutely right now? Have I possibly forgotten the fact that Jesus is with me especially in my pain?

After the Gospel: Who does not like glory? Human lust for glory often becomes the cause of our downfall or the point of division in communion. Bishop Robert Barron once said, 'How much better could Church life be if no one cared about who got the credit?' Of course, the path to true glory looks like the way of the cross where Jesus has gone before us. This path is characterised by the aligning of our will with that of God and in doing so accepting suffering for the sake of redemptive grace for all, which glorifies God and, through him, us. What form of gentle suffering are we being called to embrace for the sake of those around us?

The Prayer of the Faithful

Leader: In our Gospel today Jesus said, 'Anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant.' Let us offer our petitions in the spirit of service toward our brothers and sisters.

Reader: We pray for the Church, that in the power of the Spirit, it will guide us through these troubled times, upholding peace and unity. *(Pause)* We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for followers of Christ, that they may not be afraid to profess their faith in an increasingly hostile world.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord...

All: Lord hear our prayer

We pray for our parish community, that we may be sensitive to the needs of those around us, always striving to lighten their burdens. *(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):

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mk 10:35-45

(or shorter form Mk 10:42-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.