



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 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



One hundred days is a long time. A hundred days of *anything* is bound to leave a mark on us. Imagine a hundred days of (full time) studying, exercising, training, travelling or serving a prison sentence. Last year was our initiation into the "way of lockdown." We moved back into another lockdown this year, but without too much fuss, as if to say, 'Been there and done that.' Of course, we had no idea at the start that what we were entering into was a 100+ day marathon of a lockdown!

As we put the lockdown behind us and move on, it might be good to ask ourselves the following questions: 'How am I different now as result of the hundred day lockdown? What mark has it left on me? What have I learned about myself and the world around me? Spiritually speaking, what helps me thrive and be set me free, as opposed to being oppressed by a self-imposed lockdown? How has the way I practise the faith changed? Or what have I learned about how it should change?

Our political leaders often claimed that their decisions were based on "data." After having spent nearly one third of the year in lockdown, we have collected an immense pool of valuable data - personal knowledge about ourselves including what is closest to the heart. Large data takes time to process and make sense of. Let us keep up the practise of pondering and contemplating, far beyond the pandemic itself, by finding time to slow down on a regular basis. May the best of our insights and lessons from the unforgettable experience of the lockdown continue to unveil themselves and be embraced by us.

All Souls

November is just around the corner. You might have noticed the pinup board with family photos on it in front of the statue of Our Lady. I wish to redecorate it with photos of our loved ones whom we wish to remember on All Souls (2 November) and during the whole month of November.

Please bring a photo either to me personally or to the parish office. You can bring a hard-copy or email a digital one to: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com

PS: If you bring a hardcopy and wish to preserve it, that can easily be accommodated.

- Fr Peter -



There will be a special All Souls evening Mass on Tuesday 2 November at 7pm.

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 24 October 30th Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 25 October | No Mass |
| Tue 26 October | 9.15am Mass |
| Wed 27 October | 7am Mass |
| Thu 28 October Sts Simon & Jude | 9.15am Mass |
| Fri 29 October | 9.15am Mass |
| Sat 30 October | 9.00am Mass 9:25- 9:55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 31 October 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

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, Sam Hy, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs Chater
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Safety rules regarding Mass attendance

We have been here before and so the current rules for “places of worship” should come to us like almost like an old friend. We are meant to:

- Sign in
- Wear a mask
- Practise social distancing
- Refrain from congregational singing
- There is no need to make a booking



A few volunteers have helped to make social distancing easier by placing every second pew in a temporary lockdown!

Under the 4 square metre per person rule, the church of Regina Coeli can accommodate about 130 people at any given time. There is no need to make a booking for Mass because the numbers always seem to work out, as though Catholics have a sixth sense which intuitively tells them whether or not the limit has been reached!

These rules are expected to remain until the next phase of the easing of restrictions around 1st December.

PS: Some might not feel ready to return to Mass yet due to health concerns. Holy Communion can be brought to you (please contact the parish office). Alternatively, you could gradually start by attending one or more of the weekday Masses where social distancing is never an issue.

For Planned Givers (and others)

Thank you for your steadfast support. Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are available for you to pick up at the back of the church. If you wish yours to be brought to your home please contact the parish office.

Also, there are plenty of unused envelopes & numbers. This could be a great opportunity for some of the others to participate in Planned Giving. I (Fr Peter) get the impression that Planned Giving makes giving more intentional and therefore meaningful for some of the participants at Regina Coeli.

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_ocr_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/>

Thank You and Goodbye to our Dominican Sisters

The time has come to say thank you and goodbye....

Last week the last of our Dominican Sisters left our parish for their new homes. Originally their move was meant to be in July, and a farewell morning tea was being planned. But, then came the Covid lockdown, and as throughout their lives, they were called to trust and follow the mystery of the Divine plan, and so their move wasn't to be until suddenly last week.

The Dominican Sisters came to our parish 26 years ago to be a "presence". Originally there were 7 Sisters, with a total of 16 Sisters calling Beverly Hills home over the years. Three of the Sisters have since passed away, Sr. Joyce Adams OP, Sr. Shirley Greich OP, and just recently, Sr. Janet Ryan OP.



Over the past 26 years, the Dominican Sisters have been involved in the RCIA, Advent & Lenten scripture groups, Eucharistic and reading ministries, the finance committee, and the Parish census. They also were members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the choir. During this time they hosted other Sisters from the Solomon Islands and America, and held scripture nights with Fr. Kevin O'Shea. Also, Sr. Pat Nichol OP, was responsible for bringing the Life Ascending International Movement to Australia in 1999, with its first beginnings here in our own Parish. Life Ascending Australia began with three Parish groups, and one of those groups still meet regularly.

As well as their involvement in Parish life, the Sisters were also very good and supportive neighbours and friends to the locals in Tallawalla St and beyond.

Sr. Pat has moved into Santa Sabina Convent at Strathfield, and Sr. Gemma, further afield to Maitland.

We thank the Dominican Sisters for their great Spiritual guidance, care and friendship over the many years. They will be greatly missed by all of us who were touched by their "presence".

May our loving Creator richly reward and bless them as they continue to walk with Him on their journey of love and service.

- Written by Elizabeth Gooley -

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

For the defeat of the NSW Euthanasia Bill



To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our time of tribulation. We humbly and earnestly implore your powerful assistance in combatting the threat to human life posed by the NSW Euthanasia Bill.

Through that love which bound you to the Immaculate Mother of God and with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to have kind regard for our vulnerable brothers and sisters whose very existence this Bill threatens. Come to their aid Oh Hope of the Sick and Patron of the Dying, that they may be comforted and protected by Jesus Christ your Son whose Precious Blood was shed that they may have life and have it in abundance.

Oh Guardian of the Holy Family, defend us in this time of difficulty. Most loving father, guard us from every contagion of error. Mighty protector, intercede for us that this death dealing Bill may be defeated. Amen.



Raúl Berzosa El tránsito de San José Óleo sobre lienzo, 103 x 203 cm

Lost Prayer (by Thomas Merton)

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

A new printer

You might have noticed that the printing quality of the parish bulletin has improved. This is due to a new printer/photocopier. Canon, the manufacturer and service provider, has been recommending a new machine for the past two years during which time I had been politely declining their offer and saving on expenses. Finally, even I thought that perhaps this might be the right time, just as we are reopening!

First Reading Jer 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends
of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will
not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *(R.)*
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full
of song,
carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 5:1-6

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,*

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?