



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
31 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



The movie 'Groundhog Day' is a 1993 classic starring Bill Murray and Andy McDowell. This movie was possibly the first of its kind, by which I mean that it was the first to play on a theme which, since then, has been explored by a number of other movies as a kind of ode to Groundhog Day. The theme is one of being trapped in a time-loop. There is a day, which is ostensibly random but destined to be unforgettable. The main character goes through the day as he would any other day. But when he goes to sleep at night what he wakes up to is not a new day but the very same day, over and over again! For everyone else and everything else the day unfolds as if for the first time. But for the main character it could be his 10th or 1000th time of going through the same time-loop, from which not even death can set him free. Initial shock is followed by boredom, lethargy and despair, at the prospect of being trapped in an endless time-loop. But he gradually comes his senses and wisely tries to go through the time-loop each time a little bit better than the previous time. Eventually he is able to aspire to a perfect day - the most beautiful rendition of the time-loop. After all, he's had plenty of rehearsals!

The main reason why I bring up Groundhog Day is because of my experience of the lockdown which reminded me of the movie. Each new day of the lockdown felt the same as the previous day at times. It was easy to lose track of what day it was. It almost seemed possible for the lockdown to last forever, like an endless time-loop. Soon enough I aspired to making each day a little bit better than the previous day. New insights were given, helping me formulate a good plan for lockdown life. But the trouble was in execution. Knowing what I ought to do did not always mean that I did it. As a matter of fact, it felt like I was trapped in an endless time-loop at times, in which the same mistakes remained uncorrected day after day. The lockdown was long but it was coming to an end. Would I finally get it right, at the latest by the 100th day? Why is it that when faced with two choices, one of which is clearly better than the other, we choose the lesser of the two, not just once but in a series of Groundhog Day like experience?

Three reasons come to mind. The first is that we may not be as good at loving ourselves as we might think. Jordan Peterson (a psychologist) observed that people did not care for themselves with the same effectiveness with which they might have cared for others. There is a self-destructive streak in us, on account of which we knowingly choose what is not conducive to our wellbeing at times. Therefore he said, 'Treat yourself like you are someone you are responsible for helping.' The second has to do with the illusory nature of self-will. We tend to think that there is meaning and value in doing what we want (self-will) rather than what we ought (God's will). But this is an illusion. We only have to ask honestly where it is all going to realise that. By contrast Jesus said, 'Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.' (Matthew 24:35)

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The Week Ahead

Sun 31 October 31st Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 1 November All Saints	No Mass
Tue 2 November All Souls	9.15am Mass 7pm Mass
Wed 3 November	7am Mass
Thu 4 November Charles Borromeo	9.15am Mass
Fri 5 November	9.15am Mass
Sat 6 November	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 7 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Gabriel Stanghieri, 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

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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.

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The third is that we might be under the false impression that time is unlimited. There is a story about Satan and his generals discussing how best to bring down humanity. The cleverest tactic, they agree, is to trick human beings into thinking that there is always plenty of time.

All Souls is a special day on which we pray for the deceased, especially for our loved ones at Mass. This merciful act also happens to be a salutary reminder of our own mortality - the fact that we aren't here forever! Our opportunities for making each day a little bit better than the previous day are limited and increasingly so. St Paul wrote, 'What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body doomed to death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!' (Romans 7:24-25)

All Souls Mass will offered at 9:15am and 7pm on Tuesday 2 November 2021.

David Walter Brown

Born 16/12/1931

Deceased 12/10/2021

David's Mother was Welsh, born in Cardiff And his Dad was from Jamberoo in NSW.

David grew up in a Croydon Park.

David had 2 sisters.

He married Gloria, settled in Roselands and they shared 65 years together.

They had 2 children Michael & Gai.

David had 2 grandchildren.

David was a man of great faith. He enjoyed going to mass, but due to ill health could not attend Mass in the later years.

He was a parishioner for 63 years.

David was a kind and caring man.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He loved his home and garden where he grew beautiful roses.

He was proud of his achievements and often reminisced of his many fond memories he had through his life.

David enjoyed family holidays by the sea enjoying swimming and fishing.

He enjoyed music and had a passion for many sports especially enjoying NRL with following his team Tigers (originally the Magpies) from a young boy. He enjoyed playing golf up to his early 80s.

- Written by Gai Brown -

We love & miss you Dad you will remain in our hearts forever. Rest In Peace.

**To send wishes please contact the daughter: gaibrown16@gmail.com*



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.

WHY MAKE DISCIPLES?

The Case for the Evangelising Mission of the Church

Live online with **Bishop Robert Barron**

Live Online, Saturday 13 November 2021, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

You are invited to attend Bishop Robert Barron's live online address to the faithful of Sydney as he launches our renewal series, ***Reclaiming Evangelisation: How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes.***

The Reclaiming Evangelisation series will continue in 2022, featuring a number of inspiring speakers who will lead a conversation about why and how our parishes can be renewed through seeking to live more fully the mission given to us by Our Lord to call disciples, baptise them, and teach them.

Register at gomakedisciples.org.au Enquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org



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

First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the

other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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