



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 November 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

In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. (Mark 13:24-25)

As always, our scripture readings have taken on quite an apocalyptic tone as we approach the end of a liturgical year (we are only two weeks away from Advent!). Perhaps it has never been so easy for us to identify with, let's say, apocalyptic *moods*, at least not in my own lifetime. Less than 12 months ago, many were convinced that 2021 could not possibly be worse than 2020. I agreed. But, as we grapple now with the fact that much of 2021 seems to have escaped from us and we don't know where it has gone, it isn't perfectly clear which has been worse than the other. They are like twin brothers of great notoriety who cannot be separated!

Over the past two years more than a few people have said to me, 'I think the world has gone mad!' I could certainly sympathise with their sentiments. Are we approaching something like an end time if not *the* end time? Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place.' (Mark 13:30) In other words, yes, the "apocalypse" is coming, probably sooner than we think. It is coming through the strangeness of certain periods which every generation is bound to experience at some point. It is coming through turbulent times of personal crisis every human being is bound to undergo. Finally, it is coming through that which is eminently inevitable, namely, the process of dying.

We don't need the world to end once and for all in order to be able to appreciate all things *apocalyptic*: events and signs, thoughts and moods and, last but not least, warnings from Scripture. These are always around us if we look carefully. Only, they become unmistakably pronounced every now and then, the fact of which we could even be grateful for because, after all, the word 'apocalypse' means 'revelation.' And we *need* to see what is being revealed, before it is too late!

A priest I know has done something very productive during the lockdown by writing a book with the intention of explaining life after death to those who aren't religious. In his book he uses as data testimonies from people who have had near-death experiences. Apparently, some of the common themes in these testimonies include: being able to review one's entire life in an instance and even feeling the pains of those whom they have wounded, etc.

The most important apocalypse is the revelation of God who wishes to be known to us evermore intimately - far more than we could ever imagine - on account of which every moment in this life ought to be considered precious and not something to be wasted. But wherever God is revealed we too become revealed. Depending on our readiness what is revealed could feel like bliss or judgment. One thing is for certain: it would far better for us to cooperate with the apocalyptic program sooner rather than later, especially by embracing silence, detachment and the way of mercy, instead of losing ourselves anxiously in worldly affairs.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 14 November 33rd Sunday | 8.30am 10.00am | Mass Mass |
| Mon 15 November | | No Mass |
| Tue 16 November | 9.15am 12pm | Mass Funeral for Grace Lo |
| Wed 17 November | 7am | Mass |
| Thu 18 November | 9.15am | Mass |
| Fri 19 November | 9.15am | Mass |
| Sat 20 November | 9.00am 9:25- 9:55am 4:15- 4:45pm 5pm | Mass Adoration & Reconciliation Reconciliation Vigil Mass |
| Sun 21 November Christ the King | 8.30am 10.00am | Mass Mass |

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 new rule of 2 square metre per person rule, the church of Regina Coeli can accommodate about 260 people at any given time. There is no need to make a booking for Mass because the numbers always seem to work out.

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.

Recently Deceased

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

In Loving Memory

Holy Souls

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.

For Online Givers

Thank you for your steadfast support. You might have noticed that no withdrawal was made in August, September and October. This was done intentionally since everything else was also on hold during the lockdown.

From this month (November) it will be presumed that you are happy to continue online giving and monthly transfers will recommence unless indicted otherwise. Thank you very much!

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass

@ Regina Coeli



Children's Liturgy

REGINA COELI

Celebrating All Saints



PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



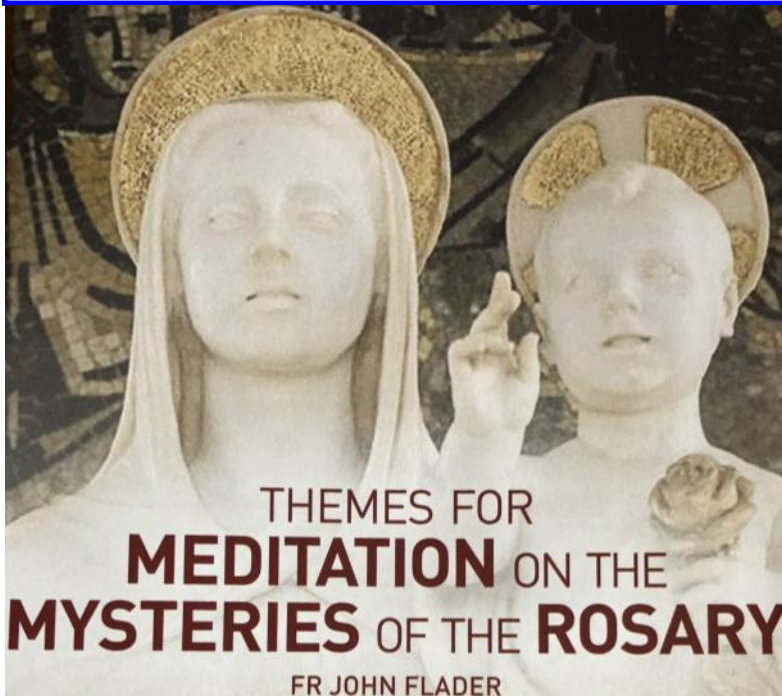
Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal 2021

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal**. Your generosity donations support our sick and retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in

retirement. To donate visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code.

A note from A note from Frances
I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY
I KNOW GOD MUST HAVE HEARD
I FELT AN ANSWER IN MY HEART
ALTHOUGH HE SPOKE NO WORD
I DIDN'T ASK FOR WEALTH OR FAME
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T MIND
I ASKED HIM TO SEND TREASURES
OF A FAR MORE LASTING KIND
I ASKED THAT HE BE NEAR YOU
AT THE START OF EACH NEW DAY
TO GRANT YOU HEALTH AND BLESSINGS
AND FRIENDS TO SHARE YOUR WAY

AMEN



The Rosary traces the principal events of the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of Mary, and its twenty mysteries call to mind n devotion

Free copies of a booklet on how to pray the rosary more thematically are available for you to pick up from the altar rail at the front of the church.

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First Holy Communion

The lessons for First Holy Communion have commenced, after having been postponed due to the lockdown. It is hoped that First Holy Communion will not be impeded again by another pandemic-related event! Please keep the children and their families in your prayer.



First Reading Dn 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

*(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.*

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion
and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall
stand firm. (R.)
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is
glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among
the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of

all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand
before the Son of Man.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

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