



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Christ, King of the Universe 21 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

*Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.
(John 18:37)*

What's truth got to do with it?

We live in a world where the importance of truth has been hugely underrated for quite some time. First came individualism. The individual was said to be, allegedly, 'autonomous,' which meant that they were 'law unto themselves.' Every time there was a conflict between what the individual wanted and, for example, the commandments, it was claimed that the individual was always in the right. When put so bluntly it sounds rather absurd. And yet that is precisely how so many people have thought for so long especially in relation to certain hot button issues, the latest of which is euthanasia.

Then came collectivism. Once the importance of truth had been sufficiently undermined by individualism, there were groups or movements claiming that theirs was the right way. The collective were said to be, allegedly, on the right side of history if they were loud enough or powerful enough. Every time there was a conflict between what the collective wanted and individual conscience it was claimed that the collective were always in the right. Again, when put so bluntly it sounds rather absurd. And yet we have well and truly entered the age of such collectivism. For example, it seems that these days one cannot disagree with the dominant narrative without being demonised for it and dishonestly so!

Individualism and collectivism might have much more in common than what their names suggest. What is missing in both is reverence for truth. The subjective feelings and thoughts of a person (or a group), allegedly, always trump objective truth or objective morality, the existence of which is doubted by default. This means that there is no reliable point of reference by which we can be guided outside the domain of our own feelings and opinions which, by the way, can be as whimsical as the weather! In individualism it is the individual who acts like an "unaccountable brat." In collectivism it is the collective who do the same. Both are driven, not by truth, but by insatiable hunger for power - the power to do "my will" (or the will of the elite) over and against that of the Creator.

In the absence of the anchor of truth, power becomes a curse rather a blessing - a tool for self-destruction. What good is money to an alcoholic who will only spend it on one thing? Think of the Prodigal Son whose undeserved and premature share of the inheritance only accelerated his own demise. Power without humble and uncompromising dependence on truth will eventually devour all things which are precious in life. Only truth will set us free, by helping us remember from within the way we are supposed to be! And thanks be to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, who died and rose from the dead to bear witness to the saving grace of truth!

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 21 November Christ, King of the Universe	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 22 November St Cecilia		No Mass
Tue 23 November	9.15am 12pm	Mass Funeral for Grace Lo
Wed 24 November	7am	Mass
Thu 25 November Vietnamese Martyrs	9.15am	Mass
Fri 26 November	9.15am	Mass
Sat 27 November	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am 4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 28 November First Sunday of Advent	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

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.

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 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.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is to be held at the following Parish Mass times:

- * Sunday 28 November 10am;
- * Saturday 4 December 5pm, Sunday 5 December 8.30am & 10am;
- * Saturday 11 December 5pm & Sunday 12 December 8.30am & 10am Mass.

Please note that quite a number of children will be receiving their First Communion at each 5pm Vigil Mass and 10am Mass, on the nominated weekends. Thank you.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayer.



CWF Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal** will be happening this weekend and we need your help!

Your donations will help those most struggling this winter – single mothers facing homelessness, those struggling with mental health and our Aboriginal communities. You will also be building a culture of support and encouragement for our hospital and university chaplaincies, and our future priests at the Good Shepherd Seminary.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at





There used to be a beautiful small garden at the Parish Centre. It was a garden of noble simplicity! The secret to the garden was a man by the name of George Cooley who had been caring for it as a volunteer. He passed away last year but not before inspiring in me some ideas about Christian holiness.

Since then the garden has not been the same. I mow the lawn worse than I get my hair cut – seldom! I hope to improve on this. But the rest of the garden needs the kind of care I am unable to provide. I am thinking of hiring a gardener and there is money for this in the parish. But before I do so I wanted to see any garden-loving parish-ioner(s) might be interested in volunteering. Please don't feel obliged but do let me know if you or a team of you feel inclined to give it a go!

The Parish has purchased 50 copies of 'Blessed—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021' If you are willing to commit to daily reflection on the Word of God during the Advent and Christmas seasons, please take a free copy from the front of the church (altar rails)!

As we countdown the days to Christmas during these difficult times, we pray that by meditating on God's Word in these daily Advent and Christmas reflections, you may be graced with moments of silence to ponder in your heart (cf. Lk 2:19) the many "blessings" in your life—inspiring you in your call to "blessedness" (that is, "holiness") where true happiness is gained (cf. Pope Francis, Gaudete et exsultate, 64).

Blessed is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

Blessed also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Murillo, Strozzi, Jouvenet, Botticelli and Reni with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham



It looks as though Parish Christmas Party 2021 will happen on 18 December after the Saturday Vigil Mass. Details still to be confirmed!



How we spend our time, apparently!



When Californian mother of four Stephanie Packer was admitted to an intensive care unit in June, and put on a ventilator, her children were told she wasn't going to come home again. In 2015, Packer's insurance company told her that chemotherapy drugs prescribed by her doctors were denied under her health cover. Yet a week after California enacted its End of Life Option Act her insurance company informed her that her physician-assisted suicide medication would be available, for only \$1.20.

"They don't see the purpose behind the suffering. There's so much honour and beauty behind being able to spend time with someone at the end of their life...Today and tomorrow could be the worst days of your life. And the next day could be the best day you could ever experience...They're consumed by fear...And they've got a lot of money behind them. So, no matter how loud our voice is, theirs ends up being louder. People aren't hearing the message and they're not being educated...If we lose this particular battle, you don't stop. You don't stop. We lose these battles because of a lack of education...I mean, we've lost here in California, but you haven't lost there yet. And just because the law passes doesn't mean there aren't lives to save."

First Reading Dn 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal
sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

**(R.) The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty
enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be
moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be
trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings,
priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the
First-born from the dead, the Ruler
of the kings of the earth. He loves us
and has washed away our sins with
his blood, and made us a line of kings,
priests to serve his God and Father; to
him, then, be glory and power for ever
and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming
on the clouds; everyone will see him,

even those who pierced him, and all the
races of the earth will mourn over him.
This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha
and the Omega' says the Lord God, who
is, who was, and who is to come, the
Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our Father;**

**blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 18:33-37

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate
asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of
your own accord, or have others spoken
to you about me?' Pilate answered,
'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and
the chief priests who have handed you
over to me: what have you done?' Jesus
replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this
world; if my kingdom were of this world,
my men would have fought to prevent
my being surrendered to the Jews. But
my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you
are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you
who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am
a king. I was born for this, I came into
the world for this: to bear witness to
the truth; and all who are on the side of
truth listen to my voice.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the
enthronement of Christ who is
revealed as the messiah-king. Until
his trial, Jesus himself refused to be
identified as king. The royal
messianic expectations that prevailed
during his lifetime were
predominantly political. If he
assumed them, his followers might
have instigated a rebellion against
the Roman occupiers. When finally he
did acknowledge his royal identity, he
insisted that his rule was not like that
of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is
revealed as the faithful witness to all
that God has done and will continue
to do. As first-born from the dead, his
resurrection is the promise of our own
resurrection. The dominion that he
received from God is universal and
exclusive and it will last forever. When
he comes again on the last day, he
will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth
and life, of holiness and grace, of
justice and love and peace. We need
not stand at a distance from him,
afraid to approach because of our
human vulnerability. He is the one
who loved us so much that he
handed himself over to suffering and
death so that we might live. He has
already brought us to birth in this
kingdom through Baptism and he has
taught us how to live in it. Today we
look to that time when his glory will
be revealed, when we will all be
gathered into the embrace of God,
there to sing praise to that glory
forever.

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