



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7 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

It is always heartening to see All Souls Masses being well attended, the fact of which seems to show how much people carry in their hearts the memory of their loved ones, as well as unspoken grief. When I had this realisation last year I thought that I ought to organise more than just minimalist celebrations. So, for the evening Mass of All Souls this year (not the morning Mass, unfortunately), there were a few notable features: there was soulful music and a prayerful ambience created by reduced lighting. Finally, the attendees were invited to bring up lighted candles which they then placed on the altar rail. As they did so, they were encouraged to offer a prayer. All this was made possible by kind helpers. We might be on the verge of starting something here - a form of organised care toward the bereaved!



Also, on All Souls, the church was visited, for the first time since the lockdown, by a group of children from the school who came for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To break the ice I asked them: *What was the best thing about the lockdown?* They said, 'Nothing.' *What was the worst thing about the lockdown?* They said, 'Everything!' There was no shortage of conviction in their voices, intimating that they hadn't arrived at their conclusion lightly. After all, they had had more than a hundred days to wrestle with these questions! By contrast, a young father whom I met at the coffee shop one morning said to me that he quite enjoyed working from home, which afforded him more time to be with his family. We both agreed that, pandemic or not, the practice of working from home would hopefully remain available as an option to those for whom it worked.

Finally, on All Souls, *the race that stops the nation* might have lost some of its "nation-stopping-power" this year, for two reasons: firstly, the nation was only just starting to come out of a long lockdown. Secondly, the notion of celebrating the biggest horserace held in the most locked down city in the world might have seemed to some people rather *confusing*. One thing was for certain: the ladies of the parish weren't going to be stopped from making up for lost time! I had the honour of being invited to their Melbourne Cup event and was sorry that I did not go *all-in* because it turned out that I, for the first time ever, actually picked the winner (or the winner picked me) in the sweep! - Fr Peter -



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 7 November</b> 32nd Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 8 November</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 9 November</b> Dedication of the Laeteran Basilica	9.15am Mass <b>12pm Funeral Mass for Bill Gately</b>
<b>Wed 10 November</b> St Leo the Great	7am Mass <b>12pm Funeral Mass for Gabriel Stanghieri</b>
<b>Thu 11 November</b> St Martin of Tours	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 12 November</b> St Josaphat	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 13 November</b>	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
<b>Sun 14 November</b> 33rd 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

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

**Mr & Mrs M. Inacio**  
**2/207 Penshurst St.**  
**Ph: 02 9534 4697**



## 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.



**Parish Secretary**  
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1:30pm Wed & Fri  
10.30am—3.30pm

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Mrs Elizabeth  
Webster



*Bill Gately*

## Bill Gately 03/03/1932 ~ 15/10/2021

Bill was a wonderful family man in particular a loving husband and father and a wonderful and devoted grandfather. He would do anything for his parents and grandchildren.

He was a man of great faith. He went to mass ever Sunday morning until he entered BUPA at the age of 86. He served with the St Vincent de Paul Society loyally for nearly 50 years and did wonderful work for the Matthew Talbot Hostel for many years.

He loved sport his entire life especially cricket, rugby league, tennis and horse racing. He loved all old movies, his favourite being Casablanca. His favourite places to dine out were Narwee Pub, Canterbury League's Club and McDonalds.

Bill was a humble and gentle man who enjoyed the simple things in life.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass

@ Regina Coeli

Sunday School is starting this weekend at 10am mass Sunday. And we are so excited to see the children back! :) Just wanted to assure everyone Covid safety measures will be place including:

- hand-sanitising on arrival and upon exit,
- removal of every second chair,
- mask-wearing by volunteers & teachers,
- keeping doors open to max. ventilation and & sanitising surfaces and items before and after use.

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very near.

"Grief is not a disorder,  
a disease or a sign of weakness.  
It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity;  
the price you pay for love.  
The only cure for grief... is to grieve."  
- Earl Grollman -

## 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](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf) or scan the QR Code.

If you have recently experienced the death of a loved one and are struggling with your grief, please call the Parish office so we can support you at this difficult time.

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## First Holy Communion

The lessons for First Holy Communion start this week, 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.



### 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](http://gomakedisciples.org.au)  
Enquiries:

Emma Williams from the Peakhurst Parish, coordinates a charity which provides hot meals to about 70 people each week at the Riverwood Community Centre.

If you are interested in assisting Emma in this great work, please contact Emma at [emma.williams75@bigpond.com](mailto:emma.williams75@bigpond.com), or you may leave your details at the parish office.



**First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16**

*The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

*"Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied,  
before the day when the Lord sends  
rain on the face of the earth."*

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2**

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

**Second Reading Heb 9:24-28**

*Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy the poor in spirit;*

*the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

*Alleluia!*

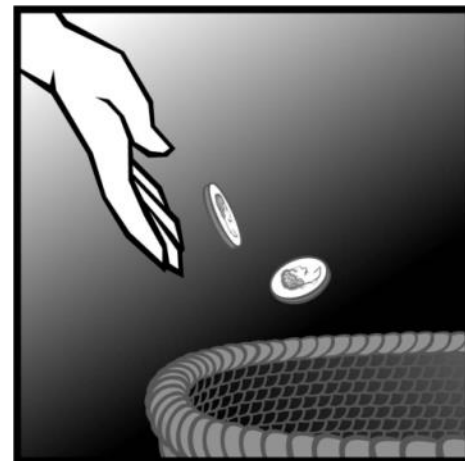
**Gospel Mk 12:38-44**

**or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)**

*This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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