



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 January 2022

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



About three weeks ago Scott Morrison (probably unsuccessfully) called on the states to formulate a uniform definition of *COVID-19 hospital admission*. What was this about? High numbers of COVID-19 hospital admission were being reported by the media each day. This was concerning to the public, to say the least. But these numbers did not tell the whole story. For example, suppose that a pregnant woman was to be admitted to hospital in order to give birth. Just like everyone else in hospital these days she would have to be routinely tested for COVID-19. If she tested positive, then, she would be counted as a COVID-19 patient in hospital. Even if she happened to be healthy and asymptomatic, she would still be counted in the same way.

All this begs the question: How many of the “COVID-19 patients” are in hospital because they got so sick from the virus that they required medical treatment? And how many are in hospital for other reasons?

I imagine that hospitals are designed to be well occupied. Otherwise they might raise eyebrows for those who allocate resources. I once heard the (now former) federal deputy chief medical officer Dr Nick Coatsworth publicly explaining that our hospitals were *designed to reach full capacity in a (pre-pandemic) flu season*. This made sense. How did they use to decide how big a hospital ought to be? Big enough to accommodate everyone at the peak of a flu season! Therefore, as much as we would love to see empty hospitals (because everyone is miraculously healthy), a fairly busy hospital might not be out of the ordinary. This means that, when there is a virus which is quite prevalent in a community, many of the hospital patients, if they were tested, would return a positive result.

So, about three weeks ago Scott Morrison said, ‘There are people being counted as being in hospital for Covid. They didn’t go there for Covid. They went there for some other reason and that’s why they were admitted, and they’ve been tested when they’re there and they’ve been found to have Covid...So, we need to get a standard definition on that because these are the key things we have to track now.’ Likewise, NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard said, ‘A reasonable proportion of cases being classified as Covid hospitalisations are actually people with other reasons for admission.’

Context matters. Without context numbers can become meaningless, even misleading. I am guessing that, once upon a time, some famous person was probably thinking along the same line when he coined the term: *lies, damned lies and statistics*. I am not arguing here that there is nothing to be concerned about our current COVID numbers, far from it. But I do wish that our political leaders have been providing context for these numbers, not just a little bit now for temporary convenience, but *always and from the very beginning*. What other contexts are there which could help us form the most balanced view on the pandemic?

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The Week Ahead

Sun 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 31 January St John Bosco	No Mass
Tue 1 February	9.15am Mass
Wed 2 February The Presentation of the Lord	7am
Thu 3 February	9.15am Mass
Fri 4 February	9.15am Mass
Sat 5 February St Agatha	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 6 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gloria Fisher, Genaro Sacco, Dorothy Browne, Kathleen Coleman, Gabriel Stanghieri, David Brown, Bill Gately, June Roebuck, Bradley Murphy, Bernie Langtry, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

In Loving Memory

Bernie Orbell, Barbara Bubnij, Carmelo Algozzino, Josephine & Spiro Bajada, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Salvatore Russo, Barbara Chater, Michelle Makin, Peter Pezzutti, Valerie Zacka, Ron & Steven Xuereb, Giuseppe Graniero, Garry Langridge

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, 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

The latest rules:

- Please sign in for the purpose of potential contact tracing
- Mask-wearing is (again) required
- Practise social distancing where possible
- Max. capacity is 260 according to the 2 square metre rule
- There is no need to make a booking
- Congregational singing is discouraged

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 start gradually by attending one or more of the weekday Masses where social distancing is never an issue.

Clothing Drive



St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2022

Please note there will be no Clothing Drive in February due to concerns over covid

MAY	7
AUGUST	6
NOVEMBER	5

Please ensure bags are placed outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection. Bags should be visible from the street this will assist collectors which will be most appreciated. Please do not leave clothing bags at the Church or Parish Centre they will be collected from your home.

Continued from Page 1 The fact of the matter is that proper context has been missing all too often. It is no wonder that what Scott Morrison tried to say three weeks ago might have gained more contempt than traction. Over the past two years “numbers without context” have been allowed to rule our television screens and the imagination of their most ardent followers. This isn’t going to stop all of a sudden. There might be a big lesson in this for all of us regarding the importance of honesty and transparency in our lives. As a friend of mine put it recently, *You reap what you sow.*

- Fr Peter -

Last (two) Weekend(s) 16 & 23 January 2022

2nd Collection 2444.10

1st Collection 956.50

Attendance

5PM	80
8.30AM	89
10AM	?
Total	?



Candlemas

“A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”

Luke 2:32



Wednesday 2 February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (a.k.a. Candlemas). When the child Jesus was presented for the ritual purification according to the Law of Moses (c.f. Luke 2:22-35), there was a holy man in Jerusalem by the name of Simeon. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Simeon took Jesus in his arms and proclaimed him to be ‘a light for revelation to the Gentiles.’

Candles used in our rituals remind us that Jesus is the light of the world or the pillar of divine fire. On 2 February there is a custom of blessing the candles which are to be used throughout the year. **So, if you like, please bring candles to be blessed at the Wednesday 7AM Mass!**

a trip down memory lane



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First Reading Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been
my help. (R.)
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)**

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor

and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, ‘This is Joseph's son, surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God's protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

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