



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**13 February 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



Last weekend you might have noticed that I was missing in action. This was not only because I was a little unwell but also because I had tested positive to the novel coronavirus (not sure which of the many variants). Having tested myself a number of times previously using Rapid Antigen Test (RAT), always with a negative result, I had become half-convinced that I would never get to see a positive result with my own eyes. So, I was surprised when two lines appeared instead of one, not just once but twice in a row. I had mixed emotions about the fact that I was now, officially, a confirmed case.

Fortunately there were a few priests in our own deanery ("Local Church Area") who were able to fill in for a corona-stricken brother. No doubt, they were motivated by the desire to ensure that Catholics who came for the Eucharist would not have to leave disappointed. This meant that I could stay in quarantine free of concern or stress. I had fever for about 24 hours. After that it was just a matter of waiting out some mild symptoms which kept lingering. Since then negative results have returned. I did, however, nearly die from being too spoilt by those who looked after me and/or the parish. I thought that the timing had been rather excellent. Imagine if I had the virus when whole groups of people might have been required to go into quarantine because of me! To the best of my knowledge no one who has been in notable contact with me seems to have contracted the virus. For this I am inexpressibly grateful!

Something tells me that I might belong to one of the last cohorts to be remembered for having gone into *mandatory* quarantine (as opposed to *voluntary* quarantine). How the world seems to have changed even during the short time of my self-isolation! Around the globe the rules are being further relaxed. The narratives are being reshaped. There are some western countries with no more restrictions. Probably not too many politicians still wish to be seen as zealots for covid policies. Most of them are probably scurrying in the opposite direction, quietly hoping not to raise too many questions in the process.

So much has happened over the past two years, in a manner which has taken us by great surprise. What we have experienced will probably take a long time to be fully unpacked and comprehended. Whatever else we can say about the past two years, I believe we can say the following: we, especially as Christians, are called to be *in* the world but not *of* the world. Pandemic or not, our most fundamental sense of identity needs to be formed by the heavenly rather than by the earthly. This is so that we might become "salt and light" for the world, through the power of divine inspiration, especially during tumultuous times. As Jesus puts it succinctly in our Gospel this weekend, 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.'

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 13 February</b> 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 14 February</b> Cyril & Methodius	No Mass
<b>Tue 15 February</b>	9.15am Mass 10.30am <b>Funeral for Peter Lyle</b>
<b>Wed 16 February</b>	7am Mass 12pm <b>Funeral for Patricia McMellon</b>
<b>Thu 17 February</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 18 February</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 19 February</b>	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
<b>Sun 20 February</b> 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Patricia McMellon, Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gloria Fisher, Gennaro Sacco, Dorothy Browne, Kathleen Coleman, Gabriel Stangheri, David Brown, Bill Gately

### In Loving Memory

Giacomo Campisi, Bernie Orbell, Barbara Bubnij, Carmelo Algozzino, Josephine & Spiro Bajada, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Salvatore Russo, Barbara Chater

**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

**Mr & Mrs R. Sakr**  
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**Parish Secretary**  
TBC  
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Tues 11am-4pm  
&  
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11.30am - 3.30pm

**School Principal**  
Mr Chris Egan  
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**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

## 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.



## It's not too late to stop the proposed Euthanasia legislation!

The NSW Upper House of Parliament is currently examining the Euthanasia Bill passed by the Lower House – though not by a large majority. The vote in the Upper House will be close, and there is still time to persuade Members of Parliament that with a Pandemic and the obvious crisis in good aged care this is not the time for such legislation. Please contact your local member or members of the Upper House, and sign the online ePetition at this link:

[LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/legislation/council/signing-ePetition-Please-unanimously-reject-the-Voluntary-Assisted-Dying-Bill-2021)

For more background information about the issues, and the politics, of euthanasia and assisted suicide search for:

**Hope Australia**

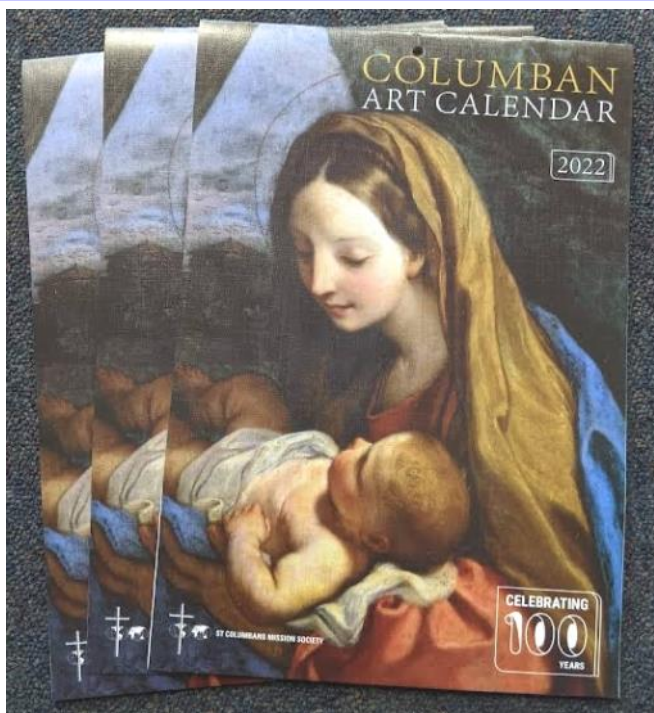


*A photo taken by a parishioner on Australia Day 2022*

<b>Last Weekend 6 February 2022</b>	
<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1868</b>
1st Collection	\$544.95

<b>Attendance</b>	
5PM	?
8.30AM	?
10AM	?
<b>Total</b>	<b>?</b>





### **PIETY STALL SALE DON'T MISS OUT**

**When you visit the Piety Stall & spend \$5 or more you will receive free of charge a beautiful 2022 Columban Art calendar.**

**These calendars are of top quality have adequate space on each day to record appointments etc & highlight Solemnities, Feasts & Memorials.**

**Don't delay supplies of calendars are very limited.**



*Joe Rogan conducts lengthy and unedited interviews.*

### **Joe Rogan & the “misinformation” controversy**

You might have heard of Joe Rogan - probably the most popular talk-show host on the internet. He has been accused of spreading *misinformation* by giving voice to qualified experts who don't necessarily conform to mainstream media narratives e.g. on the pandemic. But, as Joe himself explained, here is the dilemma with so-called “misinformation”:

*The problem I have with the term misinformation, especially today, is that many of the things that we thought of as misinformation just a short while ago are now accepted as fact.*

*Like, for instance, eight months ago, if you said, if you get vaccinated, you can still catch Covid and you can still spread Covid, you'd be removed from social media...they would ban you from certain platforms. Now, that's accepted as fact. If you said, I don't think cloth masks work, you would be banned from social media. Now that's openly and repeatedly stated on CNN. If you said, I think it's possible that Covid-19 came from a lab, you'd be banned from many social media platforms. Now that's on the cover of Newsweek. All of those theories that at one point in time were banned were openly discussed by those two men that I had on my podcast that had been accused of dangerous misinformation. I do not know if they're right. I don't know. Because I'm not a doctor. I'm not a scientist.*

## **The Gift of Joy! A Retreat in the Spirit of Taizé**

**PRESENTER:** Brother Matthew (Taizé community, France)

Rest, pray and reflect in community with the songs and prayers from Taizé in the season of Lent. Workshops, group sharing and personal reflection time will be a part of this retreat.

All welcome, with a special invitation to those aged 18-35.

Accommodation, meals and retreat program included in the cost. Discounted rates apply to those aged 18-35 for shared room or BYO tent accommodation.

**WHEN:** Mar 11-13, 2022 , 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sunday)

**WHERE:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

**COST:** Retreat Centre accommodation

Triple plus (3 or more guests) and bathroom: \$200.00

Shared room (2 guests) and bathroom: \$270.00

Own room with ensuite: \$300.00

Camping (BYO tent): \$140.00

**Day rates:**

\$55 (lunch or dinner)

\$70 (lunch and dinner)

**Register and pay at:**

[www.mtcarmel.com.au](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au)

**First Reading Jer 17:5-8**

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.  
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5**

**(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

1. Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20**

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And

what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Rejoice and be glad;**

**your reward is great in heaven.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26**

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

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