



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 July 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



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I read almost every page of last week's edition of the Catholic Weekly. This was because the Plenary Council had just ended and numerous commentaries were pouring out. Some of them were refreshingly frank critiques of what took place at the Plenary Council. I must admit that, by and large, I approved of the unabashed manner in which the critiques were made. Why? Because I felt that, when it comes to a matter as grave as the future of the Church in Australia, things such as feigned niceties or superficial unity should not become our primary concern.

What seemed missing at the Plenary Council was rigorous discussion about evangelisation. There is a real crisis of faith in Australia. What is going on in the hearts and minds of the baptised Catholics, including those who are non-practising? What dangers are currently ensnaring our young people? What is it that the Gospel of Christ can offer to them and how can we be at their service? Instead of addressing the "heart of the matter," the critics pointed out, the Plenary Council seemed dominated by bickering over the issue of governance: who else should govern, just like the bishops or even in place of the bishops?

A perennial temptation for us is to think that a better tomorrow necessarily requires the overturning of the current structure. We see this happening in the world increasingly more. At first a sense of urgency, even emergency, is created. Then it is claimed that there is no time to talk, especially about the truth. 'We must act, now, and radically so. Forget about due process. Only a new structure can save us!' Of course, all this tends to be driven by the mob who are convinced that, once in power, they will do incomparably better than those who have gone before them. But how many revolutions of such a kind have proven to be good all around? And why was the "revolution" of Jesus not of this kind?

Yes, there are times when the structure itself needs improvement. But perhaps the problem lies elsewhere more often than not. Every organisation is structured and hierarchically so, including the Church. It is wrong and unhelpful to view structures always through the lens of power-struggle. Instead, perhaps we ought to start by reforming, first and foremost, ourselves, so as to serve one another with integrity and grow together as a body of communion. Here's a paragraph from a Vatican document on 'synodality' - an important concept for church renewal:

The temptation of focusing only on structures. The Synodal Process will naturally call for a renewal of structures at various levels of the Church, in order to foster deeper communion, fuller participation, and more fruitful mission. At the same time, the experience of synodality should not focus first and foremost on structures, but on the experience of journeying together to discern the path forward, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The conversion and renewal of structures will come about only through the ongoing conversion and renewal of all the members of the Body of Christ. (For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission. Vademecum for the Synod on Synodality, 07.09.2021)

- Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

Sun 24 July 17th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 25 July St James	No Mass
Tue 26 July Sts Joachim & Anne	9.15am Mass
Wed 27 July	7am Mass 9am Adoration with Yr 2&4
Thu 28 July	9.15am Mass with Yr 2&4
Fri 29 July Sts Martha, Mary, Lazarus	9.15am Mass
Sat 30 July	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 31 July 18th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Paolo Melia, Irene Daly, Marie Thompson, Mildred Pettit, Meret Cassimatis, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Biaggio Costa, Giuseppa Campagna, Peter Lyle

In Loving Memory

Betty Hamilton, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa & Emile Succar, Giovanni Battiato, Alfa La'Spina, Donato Carnevale, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Ita Phillips, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, 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.

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WINTER APPEAL RECEIPTS

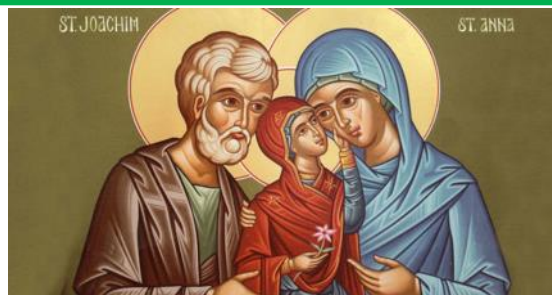
Winter Appeal Receipts for those who requested a receipt are now available at the Ponyara Road entrance to the Church. The St Vincent de Paul Beverly Hills Men's Conference would like to thank our loyal supporters for their generosity in supporting our Winter Appeal.

The amount raised is \$6815 a wonderful effort during somewhat difficult times.

Your generosity will go a long way in providing the means for us to continue supporting those struggling within our parish Area.

Taxation Receipts

Thank you for your steadfast support. If you would like a receipt for last financial year's giving, please contact the parish office. The receipt may be emailed to you, or posted to your home address. Please note there is no longer any tax deductibility for Planned Giving. Tax deduction receipts are only available for CWF, Priest's Retirement Fund, and Caritas.



THE BISHOP'S BLEND RETURNS

A BREAKFAST FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
Tenth Edition

SANCTIFYING WORK

Monday 8th August 2022
7am to 8:30am
Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney

Guest Address by
Most Rev Richard Umbers
Auxiliary Bishop

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The Bishop's Blend Breakfast Series is an initiative of the Most Reverend Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

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CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Last Weekend
17 July 2022

2nd Collection \$1608.40

1st Collection \$554.35

Attendance

5PM	99
8.30AM	89
10AM	?
Total	?

POPE FRANCIS ON THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this...At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation [built on the three pillars of dreams, memory and prayer]:

The prophet Joel once promised: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions" (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with memory. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that "even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been." She went on to say: "For me, memory is life." I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others." He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

NEWS FLASH!

- Inviting all the MEN to St Thomas More Brighton Le Sands – Saturday the 13th of August.



Please join us on the morning of Saturday 13th August for a special get together with [Bishop Danny Meagher](#), right here in our beautiful Church of St Thomas More! ...**please lock this in your diaries!**

This special morning's events will start at 8.00am for Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Meagher at 8.30am.

Following Holy Mass we'll be hosting an extra special version of our "Hearty Cooked Breakfasts" (to welcome the Bishop) before moving to another highlight of the morning; **A very personal "Presentation to the Men of our Community" by [Bishop Meagher](#)!** (Followed by an open discussion and concluding with a blessing of our STM Men's Fellowship and the wider community!)

Now is about the RIGHT TIME to start inviting your neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners... please let as many men you know as possible about the 13th August! Our Church Doors will be open from 7.30am - and all are welcome from far and wide to join in!

First Reading Gn 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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