



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 August 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 I had a retreat-like experience, over two days, at St Mary's Cathedral. At first there was an ordination to the priesthood for five young men. This happened on Saturday. A part of me hesitated to go because of the time-commitment such occasions tend to entail. Unsurprisingly, the ceremony itself went for three hours, not to mention another two hours for travel, etc. Nevertheless, I truly appreciated what felt like three hours of retreat. My eyes were often closed and my head occasionally nodding while my brain was attempting to recover from the poor sleep the night before. But whenever consciousness found me again I tried to surrender myself to the secret retreat. The very next day I was back at St Mary's Cathedral for the confirmations of around 40 children from Regina Coeli. Again, I sat through a long ceremony which evolved into an unexpected retreat of inexpressible value!

Patience is a necessary virtue when it comes to prayer. How could we discover the value of prayer unless we were patient enough to try, wait and see? Some say that it takes them at least one week just to fully unwind when on holiday. How long does it take, then, for the soul to relax its way into trust and to have intimate, even "raw," contact with the divine? Without patience we might be turning to "prayer" a thousand times, without true devotion, vaguely hoping that these acts would count for something but always rushing, glad to have them done and over with. A little bit of patience could go a long way in enabling us to enter a new depth of prayer which is waiting for us just around the corner. After all, the substance of prayer is meant to be, first and foremost, the work of God. The most important job in the project of prayer is done by the Holy Spirit and not by us. How tragic then to dismiss the importance of prayer due to being too impatient for the love of God (a.k.a. the Holy Spirit) who works from deep within - from underneath the surface of our consciousness!

Last week I wrote that the sacraments are concrete ways by which Christ reaches out to us and incorporates us into His Body the Church. There can be no doubt that contact is desired from above. But how can we respond to God's desire and optimise our contact with Him? If, after all my experiences with all things spiritual, I was to list top three priorities in spiritual life, then, I would name the following: silence, detachment and compassion. This is not to say that there aren't other things which are also worthy of mention. But, assuming that a Catholic is doing what a Catholic is basically supposed to do, I believe, that practising silence, detachment and compassion provides a booster to our spiritual life like nothing else! But none of this should come as a surprise because, after all, it was Jesus Himself who called us to pray, fast and give alms (c.f. Matthew 6:1-18). Silence, detachment and compassion are just another names for describing the same spiritual exercises outlined by Jesus, and they all work! One of the reasons why they work is by creating room for God who wishes to accomplish so much in us and through us, far more than we could ever realise!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 14 August 20th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 15 August Assumption	9.15am Mass with Yr3-6 7pm Mass
Tue 16 August	9.15am Mass
Wed 17 August	7am Mass 9am Adoration with K & Yr1
Thu 18 August	9.15am Mass with K & Yr1
Fri 19 August	9.15am Mass
Sat 20 August St Bernard	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 21 August 21st Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Paolo Melia, Shirley Hassett, Pauline Velchik, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Marie Thompson, Mildred Pettit, Meret Cassimatis, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Biaggio Costa, Giuseppa Campagna

In Loving Memory

Charlie Lo Russo, Fatima Degouveia, Ken Maher, Mary McKinnon Betty Hamilton, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa & Emile Succar, 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: Alida Clemente, 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 Came-

Rosary Statue

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CWF August Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal** is happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns, and broken families. Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**



OUR FAITH, OUR WORKS



PARISH APPEAL

Your generous donation supports
the work of charitable
agencies in our Archdiocese.



Last Weekend 7 August 2022

2nd Collection \$1332.45

1st Collection \$491.30

Attendance

5PM	97
8.30AM	107
10AM	~135
Total	~339

Raising Fathers Evenings

Do you want to be a better DAD?

Receive the life skills and experience the love. The message of these stories is the same: fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world-changing. Done badly it is catastrophic.

Dads, grandfathers and father figures all welcome to come and join us starting at 7.30pm at one of the locations below:

- Tuesday, August 23 – St Kevin's, Eastwood (Parish Hall): Daniel Ang (*Free sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm*)
- Wednesday, August 24 – All Saints, Liverpool (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
- Thursday, August 25 – St Peter Chanel, Berala (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady

Register now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBHLX>

RAISING FATHERS

EVENINGS 2022



ROBERT FALZON



DANIEL ANG



STUART BRADY

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ST KEVIN'S, EASTWOOD
PARISH HALL

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PARISH HALL

THU 25 AUG
ST PETER CHANEL &
ST JOSEPH, BERALA
PARISH HALL

7:30PM - 9:00PM
DADS AND FATHER FIGURES
ALL WELCOME

REGISTER NOW





Support for the House of Welcome

The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. How has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank.

Bookkeeper with MYOB experience required at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Kensington.

Flexible days (2-3) and hours. Lovely environment and small team.

To apply contact Catherine on 0419256522.

Monday 15 August

Mass at

9.15AM & 7PM

Readers, please let Fr Peter know if you are attending and able to read.



Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

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