



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
28 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



The Black Phone was the most recent movie I watched in the cinema - a movie I had known nothing about - and the outcome was surprisingly positive (although for mature audience only). Overall, I thought, the movie was well-crafted and sufficiently captivating and entertaining. Its genre was an unusual mixture of thriller, horror and fantasy, with a hint of religion in it, and by 'religion' I mean the kind that matters the most, namely, Catholicism! The story was set in a small town in Denver, USA, during the late 70s. The two main characters were a teenage boy and his younger sister. Their mum had passed away in some tragic manner and their father had turned abusive with alcoholism. The siblings clung to one another for support and had formed a bond of rare beauty and depth.

Darkness enveloped the small town in Denver when a series of teenage boys started to go missing. It looked as though a psychopathic killer was on the loose, kidnapping teenage boys, doing to them the unthinkable and, worst of all, getting away scot-free. The mystery behind the missing boys was finally revealed when the protagonist himself was kidnapped and thrown into a carefully fortified basement. The rest of the story was about how the boy, and his little sister, fought back, with help from the realm of the supernatural. And they fought not just for themselves but also for all the other young victims whose great suffering and cries for help had gone unnoticed. Now, why did I enjoy the Black Phone so much, enough to write about it here?

It is possible that I have read into the film, seeing something in it which was not intended by the filmmakers. But then again inspiration often works in mysterious ways. There was a pattern: the adults were letting the children down time after time. There was abuse, complacency, ignorance, incompetence and neglect on the part of the adults, as a result of which the children had been left most vulnerable in a dangerous environment. Where were the adults? Why were they so absent, weak and lacking in appropriate action? The children had to learn to fight for themselves and the fight-back started with the young siblings who had faith and treasured family with heartfelt love while so much else was disintegrating around them. What finally emerged was a communion of young souls who understood the tragedy of their silent suffering and were granted the courage to fight back!

Young people today have been thrown into a dangerous environment, whose danger is of the ideological kind. A few weeks ago I wrote, '...in more recent times, there has been a real rise of those who claim that they are not religious, especially in the formerly Christian parts of the world. So it is not at all a coincidence that ever-stranger ideas and practices are being propagated in the name of "progress" and religiously so.' In the years to come the young people of today might be justified in resenting us for not having fought for them harder during these days of catastrophic confusion. For me the Black Phone conveyed a real sentiment which must be brewing in the depth of the souls of our young people today - a sentiment which cries out, 'Enough is enough!' I hope we listen.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 28 August 22nd Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 29 August John the Baptist	No Mass
Tue 30 August	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation w. 5 white
Wed 31 August	7am Mass
Thu 1 September	9.15am Mass
Fri 2 September	9.15am Mass 9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation
Sat 3 September St Gregory	4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 4 September 23rd Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

'Alpha is a series of (ten) sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone is welcome.'



Two groups of Alpha will be run at Regina Coeli starting from 6th September 2022. The parish-based session will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:15pm (including a meal). The school-based session will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-10:30am (no meal).

Please contact Fr Peter if you are interested: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com

Recently Deceased

Paolo Melia, Shirley Hassett, Pauline Velchik, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Giuseppa Campagna

In Loving Memory

Filippa Stallone, Stephen & Ronald Xuereb, Doreen Simmons, Roy Mitchell, Giuseppe Graniero, Charlie Lo Russo, Fatima Degouveia, Ken Maher, Mary McKinnon Betty Hamilton, Mark Phillips, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, 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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Thank You!

FOR YOUR YEARS OF
SERVICE AS READERS!

Catholic Help with Alcoholism and Addiction

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program.

We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for *the virtue of total abstinence, promoting our spiritual development, and striving for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member.*

Contact calixsydney@outlook.com for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a crucial step toward recovery and saving a life.

Last Weekend 21 August 2022

2nd Collection \$1509.00

1st Collection \$459.00

Attendance

5PM	113
8.30AM	94
10AM	~200
Total	~407

Born To Soar (By Jence Oesman)

My eyesight is about 5 times better than the human's vision. I was mentioned in the bibles more than 30 times. My species are considered one of the majestic creatures. I was born to soar with my heavy wings. So, from my early age, I needed to learn to wait on the wind thermals (The thermals happens when warmth of the sun reached earth's surface, it would heat the air near the ground. When the air rises, I can use it to fly and not flapping my wings). In fact if I flap my wings too much, I could die. It reminds me of the importance of relying on God's strength rather than my own. Can you guess what I am?

You may have the right answer. I am an eagle. The Bible rests nicely on my golden outstretched wings here at our lovely Regina Coeli Church. My presence is said to portray St John the Apostle (Revelation 7:4) who indicated that Jesus is The Word (of God), The Light, The Son of God, The Lamb of God, The Messiah, The King of Israel and The Son of Man. Flying high with me, where the Word of God is read, proclaimed and or preached, the Word would be carried to every corner of the world, especially the corners of our hearts.



40th Reunion of the De La Salle Kingsgrove class of 1982

A reunion of the De La Salle Year 10 class of 1982 will be held on Saturday 8 October from 6.00 pm at Kingsgrove RSL. The evening will be a chance to celebrate with food and drink. It will include live music and interviews with an option to meet at 4.00 pm beforehand for a walk around of the old school. Partners are welcome. Tickets are \$60. RSVP 17 September. Please contact Anthony Rogers on 0419 633 522 or Anthony Johnston on 0414 730 830 or Paul Tooney on 0421 138 400

2022 Annual Marriage Mass

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am on Sunday the 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome!

Please RSVP by the 12th of September at

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>.

For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org



The (Last) Parish Ball 1982

ANOTHER TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. *(R.)*
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. *(R.)*
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

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