



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 September 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 first contingent of the first holy communicants are finally receiving over the weekend what they have been eagerly waiting for, namely, Jesus in the Eucharist. The second contingent will have their moment over the following weekend. The children have attended four lessons. For those who attend the school of Regina Coeli a retreat day was organised for them during the week. The final lesson last Thursday was followed by a celebration with pizzas. I hope that some sense of being on spiritual pilgrimage has been experienced by the children throughout the entire process. Please pray for them!

The Last Supper was a Passover meal. But it was no ordinary Passover meal due to the apparent absence of an essential element, namely, the sacrifice of a lamb. Of course, the absence was intentional because Jesus himself was to be the lamb sacrifice, not just any lamb but the Lamb of God - the perfect sacrifice, the only one capable of reconciling us to God. The question is, if the old Passover meal once saved the people of Israel from the plague of death, then, what is it that the new Passover meal saves us from?

Perspective matters. Seeing the big picture can change significantly how we think and feel. And the big picture includes a fact which used to be self-evident but perhaps not so much these days, namely, that our time on earth is brief: 'Make us know the shortness of life that we may gain wisdom of heart.' (Psalm 90:12) Even the Israelites whose lives were prolonged by the protection of the old Passover meal still died not too long after. If so, then, what would be the best use of our short time on earth? What should we live for? And what should we fear?

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger; and he who believes in me shall never thirst.' (John 6:35) We tend to think that spiritual life is of secondary importance compared to bodily life - a lovely bonus but by no means a hill to die on, etc. But would we still think the same if we saw the big picture as seen by the Creator? In the eyes of God, who would be more alive, a person who sacrifices himself/herself for others or a walking dead who feels no compassion for others? A heart on fire with love or a frozen and hardened heart?

Blessed Carlo Acutis was four when he started to display authentic devotion toward Jesus and Mary, the fact of which inspired his mum to return to church. After receiving first holy communion at seven Carlo loved to go to *daily* mass. When asked about what he wanted to be he replied, 'Who knows? But to always be close to Jesus, that's my life's plan!' He died at only fifteen but not before edifying many with the beauty of his holy soul. He had wasted no time in attaining a heart on fire with love; after all, he was fond of calling the Eucharist 'my highway to heaven.'

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 11 September 24th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 12 September	No Mass
Tue 13 September St Chrysostom	9.15am Mass with Year 6
Wed 14 September Holy Cross	7am Mass
Thu 15 September Our Lady of Sorrow	9.15am Mass
Fri 16 September Sts Cornelius	9.15am Mass
Sat 17 September	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 18 September 25th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

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

In Loving Memory

Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Fatima Degouveia, Bob Henderson, Jose Gomes, Bartolo Tesoriero, Anna Cicuto, Filippa Stal-lone, Stephen & Ronald Xuereb, Giuseppe Graniero, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Jean-ette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Mary Patricia Hanrahan, 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, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

Rosary Statue

Mrs. T. Pezzutti
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ROSARY OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH ROSARY STATUE

Have Our Lady's statue visit your house for one week each year. Ring the Parish or the co-ordinator, Margaret Weeks (9554-3250) to join the roster

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

1st Saturday of each month at 1pm (St Mary's Cathedral piazza). For further information email Jim Weeks (jamesweeks2007@hotmail.com)

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Please join us THIS Sunday 11th Sept at 3pm.
Location: Hurstville Plaza (opposite Club Central & accross from the station) Bring a friend!

First Holy Communion

Fifty one children from our parish community will receive their First Holy Communion during the 5pm & 10am Masses on 10/11 & 17/18 September.



Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal

This weekend marks the start of the Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. Your generous donations support our sick and retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical care, pastoral and other support—to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. To donate, visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

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FRIDAY, 7 OCTOBER to
SUNDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2022

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Mr Chris Egan
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Mrs Elizabeth
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Last Weekend 4 September 2022

2nd Collection \$1313.45

1st Collection \$334.45

Attendance

5PM	95
8.30AM	84
10AM	~135
Total	~314

Safeguarding Sunday, 11 September 2022

This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the sixth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday. The celebration of this past week, leading up to Safeguarding Sunday, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we celebrate and embrace differences within our community.

To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed a new resource for Children; the *Celebrating Differences – We are all special- Activity Book*.

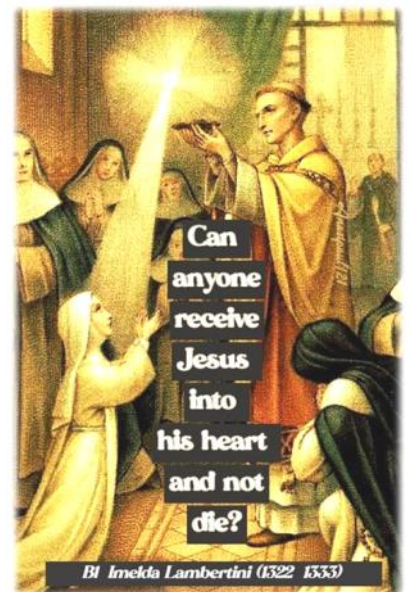
These resource can be accessed on the Safeguarding website:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>



Blessed Imelda Lambertini, Patroness of First Holy Communion

Imelda, we are told, longed (and intensely, it seems) to be allowed to receive Holy Communion with the nuns, but in that day such a thing would have been unheard of for a child her age. Her pleading was again and again gently refused, with the explanation that she would need to wait until she was older and more prepared. For a time Imelda had to be content with this answer, meanwhile learning to chant Office from hearing the nuns in choir and developing her own interior prayer life in simple childlike ways. The saints, whose stories she had learned from her parents and from the nuns, became her “secret companions,” and probably had a hand in nurturing the longing she felt to receive Jesus intimately in the Sacrament of the Eucharist...As spring approached, the sisters, who perhaps thought that they had succeeded in diverting Imelda’s “childish fancy” to go to Communion with the grown-ups, were a bit startled when she asked again, shortly before the feast of the Ascension, to receive her First Holy Communion. (“Asked,” in fact, is not the word. She begged them insistently, it seems.) When the chaplain was consulted, he agreed with the sisters and responded with no hesitation that Imelda was much too young. On the Vigil of the Ascension Imelda was in her place in the chapel, quietly praying as the sisters received Communion. Then Jesus did a little “insisting” of His own. After Mass, as one of the nuns was clearing the altar, she heard a noise and looked up to the choir to see Imelda, a glowing light shining above her head, with the Sacred Host suspended in the light. The chaplain was called at once, and he understood that Jesus Himself was making his desire known. “Let the little children come to Me and do not stop them.” The priest gave Imelda her First Holy Communion. We can well imagine that the nuns were amazed and thrilled both at the great blessing to their little one, and to their convent. The prioress allowed Imelda to remain for some time in thanksgiving, and then sent for her to come and have her breakfast. Imelda was still kneeling as they had left her, a smile on her face. Yet when called for, Imelda’s body was still. She had died of pure joy. Her thanksgiving had been well completed, and she had nothing left to desire.



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

First Reading Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not
spurn. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting

in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-10

or longer form **Lk 15:1-32**

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target.

Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

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