



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 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

There is a group at Regina Coeli who are currently undergoing a program known as *Alpha*. Please keep them in your prayers. One of the themes which have emerged thus far has to do with the *reasonableness* of believing in the Christian faith. Yes, Christianity begins with what can seem like the most unbelievable claim, namely, that God became human in Jesus, only then to suffer, die and rise from the dead. There are two questions we can ask here: *Could* God have done this? The answer is self-evidently yes. But, even more importantly, *why* might God have done it? The reasons are so breathtakingly profound and beautifully coherent that one cannot help but exclaim, 'Only God could have done this!'

Furthermore, there are other factors which support the central claim of Christianity. For a start, Jesus himself made the claim, the fact of which became the ultimate justification for his crucifixion. And the claim had not been pulled out of thin air, as evidenced by the fact that Jesus fulfilled Scripture, in particular via the hundreds of instances of direct fulfilment of the Old Testament. The Resurrection authoritatively confirmed that the claim had been true, hence the reason why even the most timid of the disciples, now irrevocably convinced of the Good News, had the courage to evangelise even at the cost of martyrdom. There can be no doubt that, on the basis of historical evidence, the first Christians truly believed the central claim of Christianity, as have countless others since then.

Therefore it is *more than reasonable* to believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Nevertheless, it is easy for us to forget this and to dismiss the Christian faith without having given it the prayerful thought and study which it deserves. A great thinker by the name of G.K. Chesterton once explained that it is almost never the case that the Christian faith has been tried and found wanting; instead, it is almost always the case that it has been found difficult and left untried. Yes, the Christian faith, when tried or practised, has the power to inspire in us infinite love and wisdom; but if we leave it untried or unpractised, just because it seems "difficult," then, we might forget just how right and just it is to believe.

If the central claim of Christianity is true, then, it would not make sense for us to merely agree to it in some detached manner; instead, the only reasonable option would be for us to surrender to the reality of that claim, namely, the person of Jesus Christ! *Sunday worship is essential but mere Sunday worship is not enough.* The point here is to make the Christian faith not more burdensome but truly empowering - something which transforms our whole lives with the truth, beauty and mercy of Christ. After all, Jesus said, 'For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.' (Matthew 13:12) What have we left untried or unpractised, due to fear of difficulty or inconvenience, which, if embraced, could actually improve and sanctify our lives a hundredfold and more?

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 25 September 26th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 26 September	No Mass
Tue 27 September St Vincent de Paul	9.15am Mass
Wed 28 September	7am Mass
Thu 29 September Archangels	9.15am Mass
Fri 30 September St Jerome	9.15am Mass
Sat 1 October St Therese	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 2 October 27th 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

Mate Culo, June Roebuck, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Fatima Degouveia, Bob Henderson, Jose Gomes, Bartolo Tesoriero, Anna Cicuto, Filippa Stallone, Giuseppe Graniero, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Jeanette 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

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ROSARY OPPORTUNITIES

MONTHLY ROSARY

A prayer group for the recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on the First Friday of each month at 11AM. The rosary will be prayed for intentions of the parish, for Father Peter, for the sick of the parish, for peace in the world and any other intentions which may be suggested. Starting time 7th October 2022.



Disruption Notice

As part of school extension and renovation, underground works of construction and installation will be happening in the parking area (school playground) during the period between 26/9/22 & 21/10/22. **Parking availability will be significantly reduced during this time.** Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for being patient and understanding.



QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Woman of Faith

*The teachings of Christ have served as my inner light,
as has the sense of purpose we can find
in coming together to worship.*

Christmas Message 2020

Last Weekend 18 September 2022

2nd Collection	\$874.50
1st Collection	\$372.10

Attendance

5PM	202
8.30AM	98
10AM	250+
Total	550+

For Planned Givers (and others)

Thank you for your steadfast support. Planned Giving Envelopes for the new financial year are available for you to pick up at the back of the church. If you want your envelopes to be delivered to your home please contact the parish office.

Planned
Giving

Also, there are plenty of unused envelopes & numbers. This could be a great opportunity for some of the others to participate in Planned Giving. It seems quite possible that Planned Giving makes giving more intentional and therefore more meaningful for some of its participants at Regina Coeli.

Lift Needed

There is an *amazing* lady who loves to come to Mass but is elderly and needs a lift. She lives on Bundara Street, Beverly Hills. She is entirely flexible regarding which mass to attend. She totally understands that a lift might not be possible every week. Each week what can or cannot be done can be discussed with her over the phone. If you are interested in getting in touch with her please let Fr Peter know either in person or by email:

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Congratulations!

All HSC students and their families are warmly invited to attend a HSC Blessing Mass to be celebrated at **10am on Sunday 9 October.**

Trip down memory lane

Two friends
Now parishioners

First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like
David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not
care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim
to be saintly and religious, filled with faith
and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good
fight of the faith and win for yourself the
eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for
the truth in front of many witnesses. Now,
before God the source of all life and before
Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for
the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to
you the duty of doing all that you have been
told, with no faults or failures, until the
Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,

the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is
able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things
came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you
are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a
rich man who used to dress in purple and
fine linen and feast magnificently every day.
And at his gate there lay a poor man called
Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed
to fill himself with the scraps that fell from
the rich man's table. Dogs even came and
licked his sores. Now the poor man died and
was carried away by angels to the bosom
of Abraham. The rich man also died and
was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and
saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus
in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father
Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip
the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."
"My son," Abraham replied "remember that
during your life good things came your way,
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted here while you
are in agony. But that is not all: between us
and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop
anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our
side to yours, and to stop any crossing from
your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you
then to send Lazarus to my father's house,
since I have five brothers, to give them
warning, so that they do not come to this
place of torment too." "They have Moses
and the prophets," said Abraham "let them
listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham,"
said the rich man "but if someone comes to
them from the dead, they will repent." Then
Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen
either to Moses or to the prophets, they will
not be convinced even if someone should
rise from the dead."



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos
and the gospel narrative pointedly
condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not
wealth itself, but the complacency and the
disregard for others that it too frequently
generates, that is denounced. Biblical
covenant is a communal concept. It
emerges from a society that insists on
mutual responsibility. Today's readings
invite us to consider the covenant bond
we have with others. How do we measure
up?

The fundamental image of God reveals
mercy and compassion. However, we
cannot disregard the fact of judgment.
Amos pronounces a woe against his own
people; Abraham declares that there is an
unbridgeable chasm between the saved
and the condemned. Paul speaks here of
the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ
who will bring judgment when he comes.
Judgment will be determined not primarily
in terms of our obedience to law, but in
view of our fidelity to covenant
commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a
quality of God that is shared with us by
means of our covenant bond. Paul
admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue
this righteousness, along with devotion,
faith, love, patience and gentleness.
Some of these virtues focus on our
relationship with God, but most of them
are directed toward our relationship with
others. Those who are less fortunate are
our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly
our covenant obligations and allow them
to languish at our gates, we will have only
ourselves to blame when we find
ourselves facing the harsh judgment of
God.

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