



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 October 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 Thursday was the feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel and Rafael (the Archangels). The Christian view of creation is informed by the idea of *ex nihilo* by which is meant that God has created everything *out of nothing*. Can we imagine nothingness? The best we can conjure up is probably a vacuum - an empty space - which would not have existed prior to creation. Therefore to imagine nothingness is to recall the state of affairs when neither time nor space existed - something which might be impossible for us to do! When God created everything *ex nihilo*, some things were made to be visible and others invisible - some things to have physical dimensions and others to be purely spiritual. Angels are part of the invisible (or purely spiritual) realities created by God.

For example, God is invisible. What are we doing when we are praying? One way of describing prayer is that it is *coming into contact with the invisible presence of God*. Needless to say, such contact is absolutely important. The simple fact is that we are lost, troubled and hopelessly incomplete; we are a mere shadow of what we could be, etc., when we lack meaningful contact with the invisible presence of God. And yet it is so easy for us to forget this simple fact, partially due to the invisibility of God's presence, hence the reason why we tend to become complacent, especially when times are "good," acting as though neglect of prayer has no detrimental consequences for our truest wellbeing. Therefore the key to an effective prayer life is to treasure the invisible. And angels are a great reminder to us of the importance of the invisible.

Another example has to do with *enlightenment*, without which we cannot see aright. Sometimes what is good can seem undesirable while what is bad can seem compelling; what is wise can seem contemptible while what is foolish can seem like glamorous. Therefore, without the benefit of enlightenment, we are bound to make poor choices which will cause unnecessary pain, sorrow and regret in our lives. Of course, what enlightens us is not the visible light but the invisible light of God's grace, which illuminates us from within. When we are enlightened we see the whole world anew; we see things as they really are, more like how God sees them. Therefore the key to navigating our way wisely through the visible world is to treasure the invisible. And angels are a great reminder to us of the importance of the invisible.

Yes, the concept of angels might seem rather far-fetched at first, kind of like the central claim of Christianity, namely, the fact that God became human, only then to suffer, die and rise from the dead. But engaging in prayerful thought processes or reverently following the logic of what God has done makes a world of difference to whether or not we come to recognise the beautiful truth of the Christian faith. Nevertheless, the issue at hand is not purely intellectual in nature; it is also a spiritual issue, perhaps even more so. The more we grow in our heartfelt appreciation of the power of God's invisible grace the more it seems right and just to give intellectual assent to Christian beliefs, including about angels. After all, the workings of God's grace can feel like...being touched by an angel! - Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 2 October 27th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 3 October	No Mass
Tue 4 October St Francis	9.15am Mass
Wed 5 October	7am Mass
Thu 6 October	9.15am Mass
Fri 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary	9.15am Mass 11am Rosary
Sat 8 October	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 9 October 28th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

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 your patience and understanding.



Retreat Day for Seniors
10am-5pm on Wednesday 19 October 2022
\$30 per person - includes bus hire between Regina Coeli & Mt. Schoenstatt Mulgoa, morning tea & lunch
Please contact Fr Peter if you are interested.

Last Weekend
25 September 2022

2nd Collection \$1405.10

1st Collection \$442.00

Cashless Giving \$407

Attendance

5PM	132
8.30AM	100
10AM	~135
Total	~367

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:

beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com



A blue poster with a dark blue background. At the top left is a circular logo with a building and the text 'SUB TUUM PAESIDIUM'. In the center is a yellow graduation cap. At the top right is a heart shape with hands clasped in prayer. The word 'Congratulations!' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it, the text 'All HSC students and their families are warmly invited to attend a HSC Blessing Mass to be celebrated at 10am on Sunday 9 October.' is written in white and red.

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THE BISHOP'S BLEND A BREAKFAST FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS Eleventh Edition

**2 WEEKS UNTIL
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE**

Monday 10th October 2022
7am to 8:30am

Guest Speaker
Dominic Sullivan

"Supporting Communities:
The Positive Role and
Impact of Corporate
Philanthropy"



REGISTER HERE



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



CATHOLIC
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Catholic women, ages 18-35, single or married, are invited to a weekend of prayer, talks, silence, and fellowship, reflecting on the dignity and vocation of women, hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia.

**Feminine
Genius**

14-16 October 2022
Mt. Schoenstatt, Mulgoa

REGISTRATION

email the Sisters at
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First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not
at rights,
but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

*(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame
the gift that God gave you when I laid my
hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit
of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and
love, and self-control. So you are never to
be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but
with me, bear the hardships for the sake
of the Good News, relying on the power
of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching
you have heard from me, in the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been
trusted to look after something precious;
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who
lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our
faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the
size of a mustard seed you could say to this
mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in
the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing
or minding sheep, would say to him when
he returned from the fields, "Come and
have your meal immediately"? Would he
not be more likely to say, "Get my supper
laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me
while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink
yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful
to the servant for doing what he was told?
So with you: when you have done all you
have been told to do, say, "We are merely
servants: we have done no more than our
duty."'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In our struggles to be faithful
disciples, we frequently must endure
periods when we feel abandoned by
God. When we have been intent on
serving God with genuine devotion,
such times are particularly trying, for
one would expect that God would not
withdraw consolations. When this
happens, the broken heart and the
strained spirit cry out to God in
complaint: How long? Why? We have
all been worn down by life, tempted
to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we
pray. It enables us to accomplish
marvellous feats; with it we can move
mountains. As unprofitable servants,
we do not earn it; we have no right to
claim it as our own. We are the ones
from whom faithful service will be
expected. We will be sent to plough
the fields and tend the sheep. We will
be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been
mediated to us through the
community. We have heard about
God and about Jesus from others,
from our parents and families, from
our teachers and those who preach,
from those with whom we work and
play. Faith comes from God, but
through the mediation of the
community. Timothy received faith
from his mother and grandmother. It
was strengthened in him through the
imposition of Paul's hands and
through his preaching of the word of
God. Furthermore, what Paul taught
had first been handed down to him
from those who preceded him.