



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 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

All Saints & All Souls

It has been over two millennia since the coming of Christ - the *Saviour* of the world. But how exactly has the world been saved? A friend of mine, whose understanding of geo-politics far exceeds that of mine, told me during the week that the world might be in a worse state now than during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. Whether or not my friend is totally correct is beside the point. Peace seems to be undeniably under threat and there is a sense of calamity in the air. Technological advancement has further increased the capacity of humanity for self-destruction since the coinage of the phrase, 'Lest we forget!' So what exactly is the difference between Before Christ and After Christ?

One clear difference (and there are numerous angles from which to approach this) has to do with the fact that we have the Eucharist! With the Eucharist comes the real presence of Jesus, with which, in turn, comes the power of the Paschal Mystery which saves the human heart and, through it, the world. The miracles of the loaves and fish powerfully evoke the sense of 'incredible abundance.' The Paschal Mystery is "spiritual technology" which is capable of redeeming the whole world - in fact the whole universe - a thousand times over. So why then aren't there more dedicated users of such technology (a.k.a. *saints*)?

All Souls invites us to meditate, among other things, on the topic of death: What is it? How does the universal fact of death, when it is appropriately remembered, inform the way we engage with life? Recently I read a novel which imagines a world where death flees humanity, quite literally, such that no one dies anymore, no matter how sick or how desirous of death they might be. One effect of the novel was to show up what tends to be covered up or hidden by the impenetrability of death: What would happen if we had to see with our eyes the full consequences of our poor choices instead of being allowed by death an exit from the visible stage of life? The answer suggested by the author was: not pretty, quite humbling and even frightening.

Death is a reminder that our time on earth is relatively short; our time is running out even as we speak! So when are we going to fully avail ourselves of the spiritual technology by which we are forgiven, healed, purified and perfected? When are we going to surrender to the saint-making program which is offered from above through the Paschal Mystery? On the one hand the fact of one's own lack of maturity and perfection can be rather disappointing, even tragic. But the Good News is that no one has to be condemned to the fate of irrevocable defeat or sad resignation. The spiritual technology on offer is perfect and available in incredible abundance. The possibility of turning our lives around is as real and attainable as that of *metanoia* or the act of turning back to the Lord from the depth of our hearts.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 30 October 31st Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 31 October | No Mass |
| Tue 1 November All Saints | 9.15am Mass with School |
| Wed 2 November All Souls | 7am Mass 10:30am Funeral Mass for Therese Foster 7pm Mass |
| Thu 3 November | 9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation Yr 5W |
| Fri 4 November Charles Borromeo | 9.15am Mass |
| Sat 5 November | 9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 6 November 32nd Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

Recently Deceased

Therese Foster, Noel Smith, John Sullivan, David Boyd, Paolo Melia, Shirley Hassett, Pauline Velchik, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Giuseppa Campagna

In Loving Memory

Rebecca Phibbs, David Browne, James & June Roebuck, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Fatima Degouveia, Bob Henderson, Maria Da Silva, Jose Gomes, Anna Cicuto, Filippa Stallone, 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,

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Clothing Drive



The St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive will be conducted on Saturday 5th November 2022.

Please place bags out by 8:00am on Saturday 5th November in a place where they can be seen from the street. This will help our collectors which will be most appreciated.

For those who are not on the Collection List but have clothing to donate on a one-off basis it would be greatly appreciated

If you could drop the donated items at the Parish School on collection day between 8:00am & 8:30am.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Clothing Drives it is greatly appreciated.

MONTHLY ROSARY

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on the first Friday of November:

On Friday 4th November at 11am.

All are welcome!



All Souls

November is just around the corner. As happened last year, it is hoped that a pinup board with photos of loved ones who have passed away will be set up in the Chapel of Our Lady and remain there during the whole month of November.

Please bring a photo either to Fr Peter or to the parish office. A copy can be made at the parish office. You can also email a digital copy to: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com



Last Weekend 23 October 2022

2nd Collection \$1349.45

1st Collection \$473.85

Cashless Giving \$335

Attendance

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| 5PM | 109 |
| 8.30AM | 127 |
| 10AM | ~140 |
| Total | ~376 |

Seniors Retreat Day

I would like to express my thanks to Father Peter for arranging our retreat day at the Mount Shoenstatt Spirituality Centre at Mulgoa. As I stepped from the bus I thought – how beautiful it all looked. Freshly mown lawns as far as the eyes could see and a rose garden full of magnificent blooms.



Morning tea was served, waited on by Father Peter. Mind you, it was delicious.

After a short walk we came upon a statue of the founder of Shoenstatt, Father Joseph Kentenich dated 18th October 1914.

A short distance away we came across the most remarkable shrine nestled into a background of lovely trees. Entering the shrine one was struck by the beauty and spirituality of this most sacred place. The floor in front of the altar was covered with floral tributes maybe I thought sent in appreciation for miracles prayed for here in this holy place.

I couldn't help noticing how happy and joyous everyone seemed, and I thought to myself how lucky am I to belong to this group. Next came our Mass in another chapel said by our own Father Peter – just beautiful.

Following a delicious lunch was a talk by one of the lovely nuns who run this spirituality centre Sr Rene. We all at enthralled as she told the Shoenstatt story.

A little time to relax, and then at 3.30pm we walked back to the shrine where we ended this very special day with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

- Joy -

Regina Coeli Parish Children's Liturgy

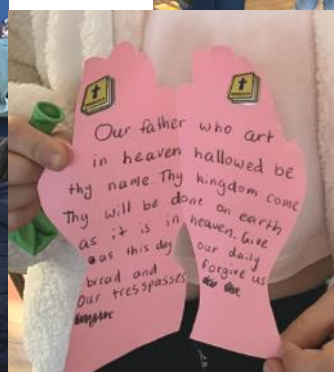
Parents, do you struggle to get your children to mass on Sunday morning? Do they complain about how long it takes or that it is hard for them to understand what is happening? Well, Regina Coeli Parish has the perfect thing to entice them to get there each week.

Each Sunday, during the school term, children who attend the parish 10am mass are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy. Located in the Parish hall, experienced volunteers give their time to prepare lessons to help children understand the Gospel reading of the day, in an engaging, "child-friendly" way. Children are safely walked across the road to the hall to take part in fun lessons. Lessons teach them how to relate the Gospel reading to their everyday life and ways they can follow Jesus. They even get something to take home!

The only way we can grow our Church is with our young ones, and getting them to attend church in the early years can make it easier for them to grow into adults who attend church.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Liturgy Teachers



First Reading Wis 11:22-12:2

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11-2:2

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part. Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future.

Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

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