



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9 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

It is hard to believe, I know, and easy to forget but around this time last year we were still in lockdown - a lockdown which lasted for more than 120 days! There was a suggestion then from parishioners for the rosary to be prayed on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (7 October) and be livestreamed, especially since the only religious gatherings allowed in those days were those which were done for the purpose of livestreaming. This was the reflection I gave at the start of the live-streamed rosary:

I once heard the famous actor Bill Murray say that *the key to having a good day is to have a good morning*. Presumably, this is because having a good morning puts us in the right mindset which allows us to engage well with what is truly important throughout the day. Prayer is like that. Praying it's like having a good morning. When we pray our hearts and minds are put where they're supposed to be - in touch with the mystery of God. This means that we're more likely to be able to recognize and cooperate with the workings of God's grace.

We may be in lockdown but God is never in lockdown. Jesus said, 'my father goes on working and so do I.' What is absolutely essential is for us to keep the lines open and allow the saving works of God to unfold and take effect deep in our soul. There is a word for this and the word is *contemplate*. For us to contemplate is to keep the lines open and allow the saving works of God to unfold and take effect deep in our soul.

The rosary is a simple, practical and yet profound way of entering into contemplative prayer. When we pray the rosary we zoom in on some of the key moments in the life of Jesus and contemplate these mysteries through the eyes of Mary who never lost her gaze on Jesus. Mary remembered what she saw and then treasured in her heart what she remembered, which allowed God's saving power to be unlocked and take effect completely in her soul. Mary is *the expert* when it comes to unlocking the mysteries of Christ and that's precisely how she helps us when we pray the rosary.

There is a longing in all of us to contemplate - contemplate the mystery of Christ & the mystery of life. But contemplation can be quite a challenge when there is so much distraction around us. But we are not alone. Mary is here to help us. Pope JPII said that the rosary just like the sweet chain that links us to God and helps us remain in his presence. When we pray the rosary we create a little church in our homes; we create a little sanctuary in our hearts wherever we are. So let's enter into contemplative prayer through the rosary this evening and beyond, especially during October which is the month of the holy rosary.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 9 October 28th Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 10 October | No Mass |
| Tue 11 October | 9.15am Mass |
| Wed 12 October | 7am Mass |
| Thu 13 October | 9.15am Mass |
| Fri 14 October | 9.15am Mass 11am Rosary |
| Sat 15 October St Teresa of Jesus | 9:00am Mass 9:30- 9:55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 16 October 29th Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

Recently Deceased

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

In Loving Memory

June Roebuck, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Fatima Degouveia, Bob Henderson, Maria Da Silva, 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.



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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 2 October 2022 | |
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| 2nd Collection | \$1214.25 |
| 1st Collection | \$398.40 |
| Cashless Giving | \$170 |

| Attendance | |
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| 5PM | 103 |
| 8.30AM | 73 |
| 10AM | ~140 |
| Total | ~316 |

St Ambrose on the importance of praying for others

...the Saviour says Go into your room – but you must understand that this “room” is not the room with four walls that confines your body when you are in it, but the secret space within you in which your thoughts are enclosed and where your sensations arrive. That is your prayer-room, always with you wherever you are, always secret wherever you are, with your only witness being God.

Above all, you must pray for the whole people: that is, for the whole body, for every part of your mother the Church, whose distinguishing feature is mutual love. If you ask for something for yourself then you will be praying for yourself only – and you must remember that more grace comes to one who prays for others than to any ordinary sinner. If each person prays for all people, then all people are effectively praying for each.

In conclusion, if you ask for something for yourself alone, you will be the only one asking for it; but if you ask for benefits for all, all in their turn will be asking for them for you. For you are in fact one of the “all.” Thus it is a great reward, as each person’s prayers acquire the weight of the prayers of everyone. There is nothing presumptuous about thinking like this: on the contrary, it is a sign of greater humility and more abundant fruitfulness.

‘Love & Truth’ Weekend for Married and Engaged Couples

Love and Truth is an outreach of the Emmanuel Community to support couples and families to live in the grace of Christ.

The Emmanuel Community is offering a weekend retreat for married and engaged couples on the theme **"Marriage: A Call to Happiness."** There will be opportunities to listen to talks to encourage and inspire couples in their vocation, times for discussion, time for each couple to share together, prayer and mass. Be refreshed and renewed in your marriage!

Dates: **Saturday 19 November at 10:00am - Sunday 20 November at 4:00pm**

Venue: Mount Carmel Retreat Centre

Address: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville

Cost: \$195 per couple (includes accommodation and meals)

Register: Online via www.trybooking.com/CCHDQ

Family educator

Family Educators liaise between our school and parish communities. The role is school based, 2.5 days per week. The role works to create invitational events, information sessions and activities that aim to connect families with the religious life of the school and the parish. Family educators also provide further support to families in the development of their child – spiritually, socially and educationally. A good heart and a big smile is all you need to be a great Family Educator.

We currently have roles: Bondi, Beverley Hills, Daceyville, Enmore, Leichhardt, Leichhardt North and North Shore. Roles close 9- 19 October

<http://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/family-educator-leichhardt-nsw/>

Sacrament of Confirmation

This Sunday at the 10am Mass, Fr Peter has been delegated to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 6 of our parish children.



The children underwent the sacramental program but were unable to attend the Confirmation Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in August.

May the children and their families feel the presence of the Holy Spirit on this special day.

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

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First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you
in Christ Jesus.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

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