



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 November 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



Every year around this time our scripture readings at Mass tend to take on a tone which might be best described as being 'apocalyptic.' For the past few years at least, I have been commenting on the apocalyptic genre and its application to our lives at present. 2020 was a "game-changer" for all things apocalyptic - we were given a real taste of apocalyptic sentiments as life took the most unusual of turns.

Yet another Batman movie came out earlier in the year, which I am not proud of having watched, but there was one aspect which I thought excellent and timely, namely, the apocalyptic milieu and tone in which the story was set and told: a strong sense that the Gotham-society was crumbling due to profound corruption, the root cause of which was revealed to be...the problem of lying!

There is no shortage of *strangeness* when it comes to the signs of our times. But it seems to me that nothing is stranger—nothing more disturbing—than the fact that there is incredible prevalence of lying in our society and quite publicly so. Here is a glimpse into the height of lying to which our society has reached:

A few months ago a Pfizer executive was asked by a member of the European Parliament: 'Was the Pfizer COVID vaccine tested on *stopping the transmission of the virus* before it entered the market?' The answer was: 'No... You know, we had to... really move at the speed of science (?) to know what is taking place in the market.' But weren't we told practically by all authorities that *my vaccination* stops transmission and therefore *protects others*? Wasn't this how the vaccines were so often coerced and the unvaccinated deemed dangerous?

But our own ABC News then published an article in defense of Pfizer (and the ruling class who pushed universal vaccination), purporting to "fact-check":

Julie Leask, a social scientist specialising in immunisation, told CheckMate the claim made by [the aforementioned member of the European Parliament] "heavily distorts the facts"...the before-market trials of COVID-19 vaccines had a "primary outcome of reducing risk of any disease and severe disease, but not transmission".

You be the judge: Who's really distorting the facts or obfuscating? Only, be careful what you *recall* because, allegedly, it didn't happen!

Ours is an apocalyptic era. And no, the word 'apocalyptic' does not mean 'end of the world'; rather, it means 'to reveal.' The strangeness of an apocalyptic era reveals to us the fact that certain deep-seated problems have reached a level which cannot be sustained much longer. The greatest threat to our way of life - a way of life founded upon Christian values - comes from within before it comes from without. It turns out that the signs were there even before the notorious year of 2020. For example, on 1 December 2019 I wrote the following, incidentally, on the occasion of my installation as parish priest:

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The Week Ahead

Sun 13 November 33rd Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 14 November	No Mass
Tue 15 November	9.15am Mass
Wed 16 November	7am Mass
Thu 17 November St Elizabeth	9.15am Mass
Fri 18 November	9.15am Mass
Sat 19 November	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 20 November Christ the King	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass



You're Invited! To our very first Christmas Carols event followed by Christmas Party on Sunday 11 December 2022! Carols will commence at 4.30pm in the church followed by free dinner at 5.15 pm with food, drinks, and activities for all ages. Join us as we sing all your favourite Christmas Carols as the musical ministry at Regina Coeli unites to bring you the songs of the most joyous time of the liturgical year. We would love you to join us - so if you are a singer or musician please get in touch with Natasha - nat_demel@live.com.au or Lauren - laurenlim650@gmail.com We will also be reenacting the nativity at this event and would love for volunteers young or old or somewhere in between to get in touch! If you're a budding actor or actress we want to hear from you! There will be rehearsals on 24/11 and 1/12 at 6 pm in the church. We hope to see you there.

CWF November Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal is happening this weekend and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need in the lead up to Christmas. Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



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Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 6 November 2022	
2nd Collection	\$1682.30
1st Collection	\$467.95
Cashless Giving	\$125

Attendance	
5PM	120
8.30AM	96
10AM	135
Total	~331

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We live in a highly sophisticated world. But with sophistication comes sophisticated dangers. For example, even liars are using so called "fact-checking" in order to convince others that they are telling the truth! And it is deeply unsettling to be surrounded by the milieu of sophisticated corruption - it is like seeing the cracks appear on apartments built in haste during the boom. I believe that in order for us to build something truly great there is need to return to basics first, for example, something as basic as me telling you how things really are and...you doing the same for me too! Here is something Pope Francis wrote to young people but I think it applies to all parishioners of good will: 'If you see a priest at risk, because he has lost the joy of his ministry, or seeks affective compensation, or is taking the wrong path, remind him of his commitment to God and his people, remind him of the Gospel and urge him to hold to his course.' (Christus Vivit 100)

- Fr Peter -

All are warmly invited to pray the Rosary in the parish centre at 3 pm on Saturday the 19th of November. As we end a liturgical year and start a new one it is good to reflect on the previous year; all the good things God has blessed us with, especially the gift of one another and the gift of His grace and mercy even in hardship. It is also good to reflect on the opportunities for love. You are also invited to read the bible together as we read from chapter 10 of Matthew. God bless.



The Beverly Hills Men's Conference will be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards & 2023 Columban Art Calendars from this weekend.

Please note the calendars are due for delivery between Thurs 10/11 & Mon 14/11 so they may not be available until the following weekend.

Purchases can be made by visiting the Piety Stall, with money raised used to assist the needy in our Parish area.

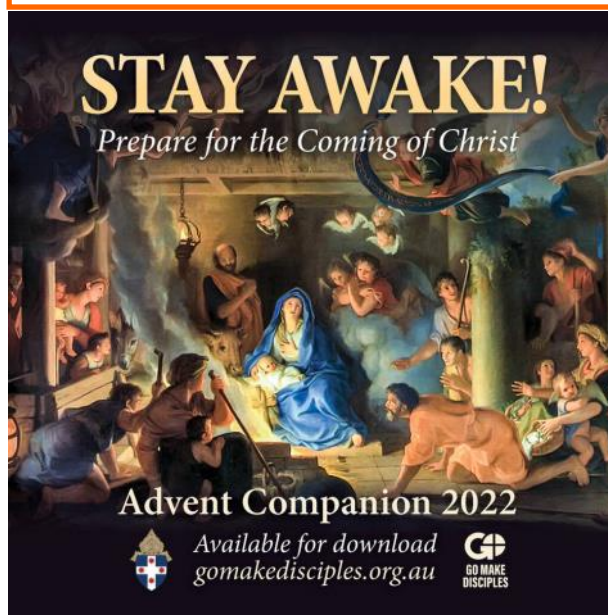
Christmas Cards of high quality will be selling for \$5.00 for a pack of 10 cards.

Columban Art Calendars, highlighting Solemnities, Feasts & Memorials, are selling at the bargain price of \$7.00 per calendar.


Would you like to become a Catholic?


Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Or would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith?

The RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is about to begin. The program will consist of about 12 evening sessions between now and Easter next year on 9 April 2023. Please contact Fr Peter if you would like to participate in the RCIA program: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com



Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria





Deceased Clergy & Religious Mass 2022


We hope you can join us for this special Mass

Wednesday 23rd November

12 Noon, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

RSVP by 11th November: Grief Care Team email: team@griefcare.com.au

www.catholiccemeteries.com.au



Grief Care

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.