



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6 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



'...though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day.' (2 Corinthians 4:16)

Most of us, if not all of us, have witnessed a loved one "falling into decay," physically or mentally, thereby becoming evermore weak and frail right before our eyes, to the point of death. Such an experience can be confronting and difficult to come to terms with. So it might be worth remembering that the person we have come to know and love is rather like what St Paul described as the *inner person*. We miss and long to see again the inner person! Grief might be defined as the pain of still loving the inner person whose physical presence we no longer enjoy.

A depth of grief indicates that we have been privileged to encounter another human being to the depth of knowing and loving the inner person in them. We cannot go back after such an encounter. Our hearts are constantly longing for similar or greater intimacy. There is depth in our grief, and the depth is a salutary reminder that the inner person also exists in us. We cannot love the inner person in another without also growing in awareness of the inner person in ourselves, whose presence has been highlighted by the depth of grief.

All of this might be relevant not just to the grieving process but also to life itself, especially Christian life: What are we doing when we pray? What does it mean to share our crosses with Jesus? Having a sense of the inner person within would seem to make all the difference to whether or not our Christian lives are going to be authentic and meaningful. After all, God's mercy, by which we are consoled in our grief, works primarily on the inner person; God's mercy works on us, as it were, from inside out. Only the inner person can recognise the need for mercy and benefit from it accordingly, for example, by being renewed day by day!

'Interiority' might be defined as a sense of the inner person within. What could happen if we prioritised care of the inner person over that of the outer person? We might be surprised, in the depth of our soul, by a real taste of God's inexhaustible mercy which, in turns, reminds us of precisely what is being administered to the faithful departed, especially as the whole Church prays for them!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 6 November 32nd Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 7 November	No Mass
Tue 8 November	9.15am Mass with Yr1 & 2
Wed 9 November John Lateran	7am Mass
Thu 10 November St Leo the Great	9.15am Mass
Fri 11 November St Martin	9.15am Mass
Sat 12 November St Josaphat	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 13 November 33rd Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass



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

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.



If you are interested in a free piano in good condition please contact the parish office.

Rosary Statue
Mr & Mrs T. Woodford
31 Elouera St.
Ph: 0418 251 947



Holy Souls

As happened last year, it is hoped that a pin-up 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



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REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 30 October 2022

2nd Collection \$1255.10

1st Collection	\$392.35
Cashless Giving	\$195

Attendance

5PM	100
8.30AM	96
10AM	~140
Total	~336



**Congratulations to
Helen and Alistair McKenzie!**



On Grief

Grief cannot be shared, for it is mine alone.

*Grief is a dying within me,
a great emptiness,
a frightening void.*

*It is loneliness,
a sickening sorrow at night,
on awakening a terrible dread.*

Another's words do not help.

*A reasoned argument explains little
for having tried too much.*

Silence is the best response to another's grief.

*Not the silence that is a pause in speech,
awkward and unwanted,
but one that unites heart to heart.*

*Love, speaking in silence, is the way into
the void of another's grief.*

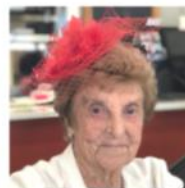
*The best of all loves come silently,
and slowly too, to soften the pain of grief,
and begin to dispel the sadness.*

*It is the love of God, warm and true,
which will touch the grieving heart and heal it.
He looks at the grieving person and has pity,
for grief is a great pain.*

*He came among us to learn about grief,
and much else too, this Man of Sorrows.*

*He knows. He understands.
Grief will yield to peace - in time.*

- Cardinal Basil Hume OSB -



First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of
your glory. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 20:27-38

or shorter form Lk 20:27, 34-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.