



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
25 June 2023**

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

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

- Matthew 6:18 -

We need to be careful about what we *treasure* because, depending on what we treasure, our heart could be uplifted or deflated; we could end up in a good place or a hellish place.

Some weeks ago I was at Vivid and what struck me was the fact that, whenever there was a show, so many people took out their phones and started recording it, almost as though they were less interested in the experience itself and more interested in, for example, telling everyone about it by uploading a picture or video on social media. But Jesus said, 'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' When the virtual world (or the online world) becomes our treasure, where will our heart be? In other words, what will be the effect of too much screen time on the human soul? I believe this to be a critically important topic which demands further reflection and analysis. But here is what comes to mind immediately:

As a general rule it seems true to say that the more we stay in the virtual world the less satisfied we become, although we are likely to become more addicted at the same time. After all, even though there seems to be infinite data in the virtual world, there isn't enough meaning or substance there; rather, too much meaningless data actually makes us feel more confused and scattered, empty and restless.

If we stay in the virtual world long enough, then, without realising it, we might even begin to identify ourselves with *data*, for example, the data which seems meaningless, the data which most people fail to notice or have forgotten about, or the data which the powerful can manipulate or even wipe out entirely! If the underlying values of the virtual world can influence and shape our outlook on life and self-understanding more insidiously than we tend to realise, then, it is no wonder that having too much screen time on a regular basis actually makes us feel more anxious, isolated and lonely, and at an alarming rate!

Recently I was talking to a lady who said that, without God, we have no foundation, and that is not a good place for us to be. She said that, for so many people of today, the screen has become their treasure; it has become their "god"! So, I suggested that this could actually be an opportunity for preaching the Gospel. After all, now that more of us can identify with the deflating effects of screen addiction on the human soul, more of us might be willing to make changes and try something different, for example, by disconnecting from noise and distraction and storing up treasures for ourselves in heaven! (c.f. Matthew 6:20)

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 25 June 12th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 26 June	No Mass
Tue 27 June	9.15am Mass
Wed 28 June St Irenaeus	7.00am Mass
Thu 29 June Sts Peter & Paul	9.15am Mass
Fri 30 June	9.15am Mass
Sat 1 July	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 2 July 13th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Dinner

Friday 6:30pm for 7pm start

AUGUST | 18 | 2023

@Club Central,
Hurstville

\$50 per adult, \$20 per child




**We are in search of entertainers and contributions toward lucky door prizes!*

Recently Deceased

Quintino Atzeni, Betty McInerney, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, Grazia Campagna, Pauline Patti, John McCoy, June Coyle, Francis Law

In Loving Memory

Ita Phillips, Bernie Crawford, Fouad Attia, Francesca & Salvatore Cocilov, Santo Ilardo, Jeanette Cardoz, Vincenzo Carnuccio, Gail Moore, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Lucy Blundell, Peter Raju, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Peter Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Pat Mortimer, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Mr TD (Terry) Wall.

St Paul said, 'Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.' (2 Cor 8:9)

When a person who is rich becomes poor for us, when a person who is beautiful loses his external beauty for us, when a person who is full of life empties himself and dies for us, we know that that person truly loves us. This is what God has done in the person of Jesus who died and rose from the dead for us. The question is, 'Does the love of God really make a difference to us? For example, does it really *enrich* us?'

Of course, the Christian answer is a resounding 'Yes!' For us to exercise faith is to become *open* to the love of God, and being open to the love of God requires us to be humble and honest, as well as loving and forgiving toward our neighbours, hence the reason why Jesus also said, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' (Matt 5:44)

Loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us might be the definitive sign of our surrendering and becoming as open as possible to the love of God, which has been revealed to us through the death and resurrection of Christ. When we become open in this way, what we gain far outweighs what we think we might lose.

Granted, it is impossible for us to make ourselves perfect, even in a million years. But the infinite magnitude of the love of God makes our perfection a real possibility, hence the reason why Jesus also said, 'You must therefore be perfect just as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' (Matt 5:48)

Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 18 June 2023

2nd Collection \$1549.05

1st Collection \$1004.50

Cashless Giving \$195

Attendance

5PM 127

8.30AM 95

10AM ~170

Total ~392

Vinnies Update

The Beverly Hills St Vincent de Paul Conference wish to advise the Winter Appeal final amount raised is \$8459.80

This is a magnificent achievement and we wish to thank our most generous Parishioners & the Regina Coeli School for making this possible.

The school contributed \$1001 in cash plus 4 car loads of donated food which they delivered to our Regional Centre at Bankstown for distribution to the needy.

We can never thank enough our loyal Parishioners who continue to support our Conference which enables us to continue to provide support to those in need.

The children their parents & teachers deserve a special thank you for their kindness & caring for those in need.

We would also like to advise the following changes in our Conference effective 1st July 2023.

President Paul Morris has completed his term as President & will be replaced by Brian Wall.

The Secretary will be Kate Wall with John Sydes as Treasurer.

Paul commented at our last meeting "My life has been enriched more by being President than the effort I needed to do the job".

May our wonderful Lord Bless you all for the help that your charity will provide to those in need .



First Friday Monthly Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on **Friday 6th July at the new time of 10.00am.** All welcome!



2023 Holy Father's Appeal - 1st and 2nd July

The annual Holy Father's Appeal, also known as the Peter's Pence collection, will take place on the first week of July.



The Parish of St Joseph Riverwood is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary 2 - 3 days a week, 6 hours per day.

The duties will vary in nature and include, but not limited to managing the parish office including correspondence, emails, telephone calls and maintaining records; liaising with parish groups and volunteers, and welcoming visitors and guests. A sound level of computer literacy, including Microsoft Office, and administrative skills are essential requirements for this position. Experience with databases is desirable. Applications close Friday 30 June.

Please send resume/1 page cover letter to stjosephriverwood@outlook.com

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side,
a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take
on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul
of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

**(R.) Lord, in your great love,
answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.
(R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

**A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans**

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed the
fall. If it is certain that through one man's
fall so many died, it is even more certain
that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew**

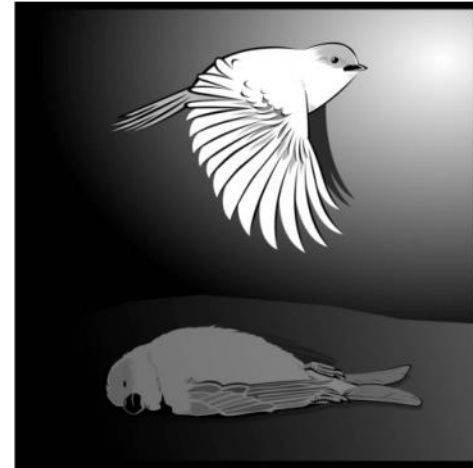
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
And yet not one falls to the ground without
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.