



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**15 November 2020**

### 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



Why is Confirmation important? This is a question that requires another question: Why is faith important, in particular faith in Jesus Christ? The trouble with faith is that it is like a mustard seed - seemingly small, insignificant and therefore easily overlooked. However, faith, once planted like a mustard seed in the depth of our soul and then properly nurtured, grows into a tree of gentle strength on which others can depend. *Interiority* is vitally important for recognising the value of the "mustard seed." Interiority seems tricky to define: a sense of our own inner-being or our self-awareness as personal beings who are capable of relationships; it could be as simple as self-knowledge or knowing that we have a conscience in which meaningful dialogues can be held. Without interiority the utter importance of faith could not be grasped. For example, we would be unable to identify with St Augustine's claim that we are restless until we find rest in a marriage-like relationship with God; we would also struggle to see the exhilarating truth behind the parable of the Good Shepherd, namely, God's "crazy" love for us.

Interiority has become a great challenge for our contemporary society. *Busyness* has become the business of life and *distraction* the name of the game. With the advent of so called "smart" devices, being connected to the internet 24/7 has become the rule rather than the exception. Being flooded with inessential information about what other people are doing, saying or watching seems to have done something awful to our psyche: we have come to believe, quite unconsciously, that being connected to the internet is as good as having interiority itself. Consequently, when a sense of emptiness arises within us, we tend to take that as a cue for spending even more time online, instead of recognising it for what it really is, namely, the inner cry of our impoverished interiority.

Interiority is like the "wifi" of spiritual life. Every device connected to a network has an IP address. Of course, our "IP address" can never be reduced to just a series of numbers. Like the tip of an iceberg, there is always more to us than meets the eye, far beneath the surface. At the root of human misery is our fractured communion with God and with one another. Jesus has dived all the way to the bottom of the ocean of our sadness in order to heal the primordial fracture and to re-create us from within. Interiority or honesty allows the divine network to connect to us, at the moment of which we are surprised by the joy of realising that the divine network too has an identifiable IP address, namely, the human heart of Jesus, the Sacred Heart! The coming together of the two hearts - ours and his - seems to be the essence of spiritual life, the most profound of all connections.

The Sacrament of Confirmation "upgrades," as it were, the divine connection established in us at Baptism. Whatever "technology" it was which enabled us to connect to the objective of our inmost desire, namely, God, becomes confirmed or strengthened when the gift of the Holy Spirit is given to us at Confirmation. But just like any upgrade of the communicative kind, it isn't really an upgrade unless it is actually used for the purpose of communication. Unused, the marvellous potential of the upgrade remains sadly dormant. The disciples had the privilege of being formed by Jesus in an intensive manner, by being inseparable with him during the three years of his public life. They heard what he uttered and witnessed how he moved, without even remotely comprehending their full meaning. In other words, they had raw data or hands-on experience which needed to be unpacked and unleashed as life-giving energy; they had oil which awaited ignition. Enter the Holy Spirit, who came upon the disciples at Pentecost and gave birth to the Church!

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

Sun 15 Nov  
33 Sunday  
Ordinary Time

**No need to book for Mass!**

Mon 16 Nov

No Mass

Tues 17 Nov  
St Elizabeth  
of Hungary,  
religious

9.15am Mass  
10am on-ward Adoration & Reconciliation for children preparing for Confirmation

Wed 18 Nov

7am Mass

Thurs 19 Nov

9.15am Mass  
**11.30am Funeral Mass for John Bonner TBC**  
**2.00pm Afternoon Tea**  
5.30pm Confirmation Mass 1  
7pm Confirmation Mass 2

Fri 20 Nov

9.15am Mass

Sat 21 Nov  
Presentation  
of BVM

9.00am Mass  
9:25-9:55am Adoration & Reconciliation  
  
4:15-4:45pm Reconciliation  
5pm Vigil Mass

Sun 22 Nov  
Feast Christ  
the King

8.30am Mass (live-streamed on Facebook)  
10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

John Bonner, Baby Ava Polly Boustany, Vanessa Succur, Shiela Woods

### In Loving Memory

Holy Souls

### Please remember those who are in ill

**health especially:** George Cooley, Paul Kensey, Anne Kensey, Peter Peters, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Bob Handerson, Bevan Kelly, Ann Mc Dowell, Christopher McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Michelle Makin, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

### Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs M Moore

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#### Parish Secretary

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#### School Principal

Mr Chris Egan  
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**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

### First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is to be celebrated throughout the month of November. **The children and their families will be seated in reserved pews at the front of the church (except at Sunday 8.30am).** Thank you for understanding that these pews will not be available for parishioners at these Masses. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in our parish next Thursday 19 November. Bishop Richard Umbers is to confer the sacrament on 56 of parish young people. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers.

### SHEILA WOODS 1920 - 2020

A true pioneer of the Parish, many of you will remember Sheila and her husband Reg who came to Beverly Hills in 1949 having married the previous year. Together with their 4 children (Mary, Anne, Paul and Tony) they were an important part of the fabric of Regina Coeli Parish life. After Reg died in 2000 Sheila continued at Jordan Ave until 2008 when she moved to a retirement village in Drummoyne. Sheila passed away on WED 4th November.

We pray for her soul and send our condolences to her children.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Regina Coeli Virtual Christmas carols 18/12 at 7pm via live streaming on Facebook Join us online as we sing the Christmas favourites and connect as a parish community If you play an instrument and would like to participate we'd love to hear from you. Rehearsal will be 11/12 at 7pm in the church. More information to follow Enquiries please contact Natasha-[nat\\_demel@live.com.au](mailto:nat_demel@live.com.au) or Lauren Lim - [laurenlim650@gmail.com](mailto:laurenlim650@gmail.com)

### Priests' Retirement Foundation

**A total amount of \$1,125 has been donated by parishioners from Regina Coeli this year.** FYI, \$465 was the amount of last year's donation. Thank you for your contribution!





**Thursdays Afternoon Tea** As part of last Thursdays Parish Afternoon Tea, Sr Gemma's 89th birthday was celebrated, making the afternoon gathering extra special for everyone present. Afternoon Tea is enjoyed every Thursday afternoon commencing at 2:00pm in our Community Centre at 5 Tarrilli Street.

#### CWF November Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) November Appeal** will be happening this weekend. Your donation will help some of the vulnerable in Sydney - including our local Aboriginal community, as well as single mothers facing homelessness, people struggling with mental health issues and many others.

Special envelopes are available at the parish. Alternatively, you can learn more and donate securely at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf). Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

## *First Holy Communion in 1940*



*The girl in the photo is one of our parishioners!*

**First Reading** Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

*Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have  
worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city  
gates.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

*(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 5:1-6

*The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 15:4. 5

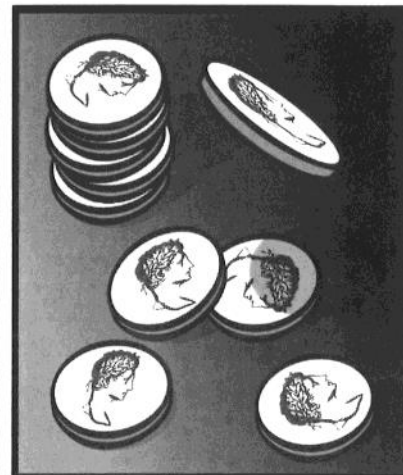
*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you,  
says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Mt 25:14-30

*Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.