



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20 February 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



A few weeks ago (when I was MIA) the Church in Sydney celebrated 'Catechist Sunday.' Here at Regina Coeli we are catching up to that celebration this weekend. We give thanks to God for our catechists and pray that the tradition of parish catechist will always continue with the emergence of new generations of catechists. In our context a catechist is someone who teaches the Catholic faith to state school children. However, the full meaning of being a catechist includes imparting the faith, in a comprehensive manner, to anyone who is interested, so as to help them become firmly grounded and therefore free to thrive as 'salt and light'! (c.f. Matthew 5:13-14)

Last year was a special year for catechists because Pope Francis *formalised* the ministry of catechist. It is increasingly clear that, without any firm knowledge of the faith, human beings easily fall victim to ideologies ("false views of the world") which are both deceptive and destructive. Even baptised Catholics are not immune to the danger. Too many are "Catholic" without having reached a depth of understanding which can sufficiently defend them against unceasing ideological assaults. When someone does become interested in discovering more, it can be a challenge for them to find a good teacher. In other words, what we need are catechists who are inspired and dedicated! - Fr Peter -

The following are excerpts from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter regarding the institution of the Ministry of Catechist ('INSTITUTING THE MINISTRY OF CATECHIST'):

The role played by catechists is one specific form of service among others within the Christian community. Catechists are called first to be expert in the pastoral service of transmitting the faith as it develops through its different stages from the initial proclamation of the kerygma to the instruction that presents our new life in Christ and prepares for the sacraments of Christian initiation, and then to the ongoing formation that can allow each person to give an accounting of the hope within them. At the same time, every catechist must be a witness to the faith, a teacher and mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue, who teaches for the Church. Only through prayer, study, and direct participation in the life of the community can they grow in this identity and the integrity and responsibility that it entails.

I establish the lay ministry of Catechist...I invite the Episcopal Conferences to render effective the ministry of Catechist, determining the necessary process of formation and the normative criteria for admission to this ministry and devising the most appropriate forms for the service which these men and women will be called to exercise in conformity with the content of [this letter].

Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on the tenth day of May in the year 2021, the liturgical memorial of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, the ninth of my Pontificate. - Pope Francis -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 20 February 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 21 February	No Mass
Tue 22 February Chair of St Peter	9.15am Mass
Wed 23 February St Polycarp	7am Mass
Thu 24 February	9.15am Mass
Fri 25 February	9.15am Mass
Sat 26 February	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 27 February 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Safety rules regarding Mass attendance

The latest rules:

- **There is no need to sign in.**
- Mask-wearing is (still) required
- Practise social distancing where possible.
- There is no limit to numbers.
- There is no need to make a booking.
- **Congregational singing is allowed.**

PS: Some might not feel ready to return to Mass yet due to health concerns. Holy Communion can be brought to you (please contact the parish office). Alternatively, you could start gradually by attending one or more of the weekday Masses where social distancing is never an issue.

Catechist Sunday

This weekend we celebrate Catechist Sunday. At this time, we pray for the Catholic children, and their families, who attend our State Schools. We also remember the deceased and retired catechists who generously gave of their time over the years.

Presently, in our parish 8 catechists teach approximately 120 children (2021 figures) in two local primary schools. We attend Beverly Hills North Public School on Wednesday mornings and Narwee Public School on Thursday mornings. The lessons run for thirty minutes. The curriculum, lesson plans and student activity books are provided. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) also runs necessary courses to prepare and assist us with our teaching.

At this stage we are in need of catechists at Narwee Public School on Thursday at 10.05am, and Beverly Hills North on Wednesday at 11.25am. If you have a little time and are interested in becoming a catechist or a catechist helper, please speak to Fr. Peter, me or contact the Parish office.

- Thank you, Elizabeth Gooley, Catechist Coordinator -

Recently Deceased

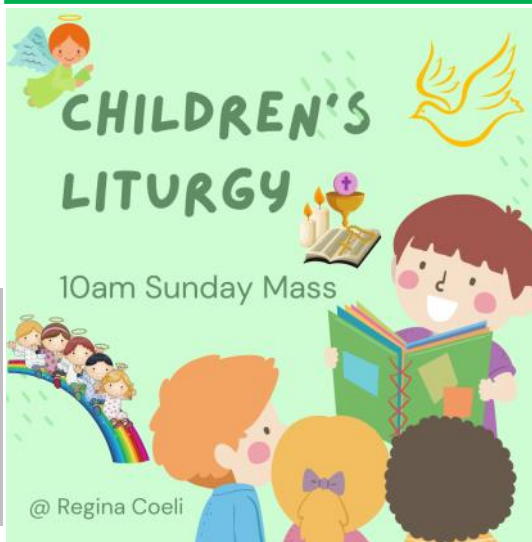
Patricia McMellon, Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gloria Fisher, Gennaro Sacco, Dorothy Browne, Kathleen Coleman, David Brown, Bill Gately

In Loving Memory

Giacomo Campisi, Bernie Orbell, Barbara Bubnij, Carmelo Algozzino, Josephine & Spiro Bajada, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Salvatore Russo, Barbara Chater

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, 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, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.



Sunday school is back on during term times. We welcome Adriana Hunter back who will be assisting teaching Sunday school. All Covid safe measures are in place. If anyone would like to help, including any high school students, pls contact Jane on 0414232213.

Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 13 February 2022	
2nd Collection	\$1340.80
1st Collection	\$535.30

Attendance	
5PM	?
8.30AM	?
10AM	?
Total	?

2021 National Church Life Survey

'NCLS' stands for the *National Church Life Survey* which attempts to assess the state of church life in Australia. NCLS is conducted by an organisation called NCLS Research. In their own words:

NCLS Research is a world leader in research focused on connecting churches and their communities. Decades of rigorous and thoughtful research has examined wellbeing, spirituality and church health. The most well known five-yearly project is called the National Church Life Survey, which has had millions of participants.

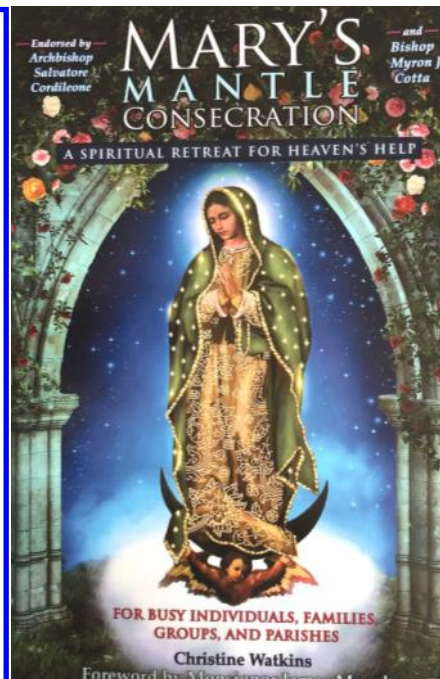
Regina Coeli has been nominated by the Archdiocese to be a "sample parish" for NCLS 2021 (postponed to 2022). By participating in the survey we will be contributing toward the study of contemporary church life in Australia. But, even more importantly, the survey could prove to be valuable to us as a parish community! What are we feeling and perceiving about the state of parish life at Regina Coeli? What does this tell us about what to work on thenceforth?

The survey will cover, for example, the following:

- Who is coming to Mass, their age groups and gender, education, migrant background and employment?
- What parishioners currently value in your parish
- What they see as priorities for the future
- How parishioners relate to God through prayer, the Mass etc.
- Current involvement of parishioners
- Percentage of parishioners who are growing in their faith
- Who is outreaching to the community and how
- Relationships with other parishioners – how strong is your community?

Every adult is strongly encouraged to take home a survey, complete it and then bring it back the following weekend. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. There is a separate survey for children 8-14 years. They too are encouraged to give it a go!

Once the surveys at Regina Coeli have been compiled and then produced as a report by NCLS Research, then, I will endeavour to share with parishioners as much of the report as possible! Thank you very much for your participation. Let's see what new insights the survey might have in store for us!



Mary Mantle Consecration: a group are completing a 46 day consecration to our Lady from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Saturday this year. This is basically self-paced and mostly supported via whatsapp or emails. All are most welcome to join.

For details pls contact Jane on 0414232213.



Patricia was born in 1928...the middle child of 7 children. Times were tough during the War and the Depression. However, they were a close family and enjoyed the moments they were together.

During the 1950s Pat would go to the Trocadero, which was a dance and concert hall. There she met Jim McMellon who came to Australia from the UK...They married in 1960.

In 1962 Pat and Jim's family grew. They had twin girls they named Anne and Sharon. Sadly they lost little Sharon later that year. 2 years later they were blessed with a son they named Glenn.

As the years went by Pat started having medical problems. She dealt with them with courage and hope. Her faith kept her strong.

In 2004 there were 2 major events which changed her life. Pat became a grandmother. Glenn and his wife had a beautiful son they named Damien. She loved every moment of being Nanna Pat. Sadly that year Pat lost her husband Jim suddenly.

Mum has shown over the years her kindness, love, inner strength and courage. As our mum leaves us she will be forever in our hearts and thoughts. Mum, you will be sadly missed.

- Excerpts from the Words of Remembrance by Anne McMellon -

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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