



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 19 June 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



About four months ago the National Church Life Survey was held here at Regina Coeli. We did not choose the NCLS; it chose us. The Archdiocese nominated Regina Coeli to become one of 3000 sample churches in Australia which participated in the survey this year. Our parishioners were encouraged to take the forms home and then return them later. But alas, "many were called but few were chosen," by which I mean that, although hundreds of forms were taken, only some of them were returned. To be exact, 109 forms from Regina Coeli were received and recorded by NCLS Research (the organisation responsible for the survey).

The "first results" have been published by NCLS Research (more might follow later). Therefore I hope to share these with you over the coming weeks (Page 3). If I could design the survey myself for the purpose of discerning the hearts and minds of our parishioners I might have done it a little differently. But such is the nature of a multiple-choice national survey - there is no one-size-fits-all set of questions! I could certainly see the dilemma for parishioners in answering questions e.g. about 'a clear vision, goals or direction' because, as the parish priest, I am quite sure that I have not spoken of them, at least not explicitly in those terms!

During the week NCLS Research ran a webinar to discuss some of the general trends (based on another survey). Apparently, 55% of Australians believe in God; 49% say that Jesus was a real historical figure; 44% think that religion is good for society. Around 50% of Australians identify as Christians and just above 20% are regular church goers. The practising rate ('those who go to church at least monthly') varies depending on the age group: 19% among 35-49 year olds; 11% among 50-64; 19% among 65+. In other words, 50-64 year olds tend to be the least practising. Quite surprisingly, according to the presenters, the practising rate was found to be around 32% among 18-34 years old!

The presenters pointed out that there are discrepancies between perception and reality. The "movers & shakers" of our society at the moment tend to be of the most irreligious generation (50-64) and so perhaps it is not an accident that public perception created by them regarding religion, in particular Christianity, is often negative. But in reality there is much to be hopeful about. The practising rate is bouncing up, even if slightly, especially among the younger generations. In spite of bad publicity, people's actual encounters with Christianity or Christians tend to be positive. Perhaps we ought to encourage with confidence once again our friends and neighbours to practice the faith!

On a different note, I will be on annual leave for the next three weekends. I am pleasantly surprised to announce that no Mass will be cancelled during my absence (not even on weekdays). Several priests will be taking turns in coming to celebrate Mass for the faith community of Regina Coeli. Please make them feel welcome! I thank in advance those whose steadfast care toward the parish allows me to take a break with some peace of mind.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 19 June Corpus Christi	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 20 June St Anthony	No Mass
Tue 21 June St Irenaeus	9.15am Mass
Wed 22 June Sts Peter & Paul	7am Mass
Thu 23 June	9.15am Mass
Fri 24 June	9.15am Mass 9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
Sat 25 June	
Sun 26 June 13th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Irene Daly, Marie Thompson, Mildred Pettit, Meret Cassimatis, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Biaggio Costa, Thomas Venket Raju, Giuseppa Campagna, Peter Lyle

In Loving Memory

John Bridge, Bernie Crawford, Assia & Damia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vieira, Donato Carnevale, Fouad Attia, Ernest Phibbs, Giovanna Camarda, Dorothy Florence Browne, Robert Vicent Browne, Maria Debono, Ita Phillips, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Joan Hendriques, Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, Lucy Andaloro, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, 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.

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Bereavement Care Group

If you are even mildly interested, please sign up!*

The group's role might involve, for example:

- ⇒ Being a bridge between the bereaved and the parish community
- ⇒ Sending cards to the bereaved on anniversaries
- ⇒ Inviting the bereaved to special Masses such as All Souls



*There will be an information session in the next stage, where you can find out more about the group's role. There is no obligation to join if you attend the information session.

Parish Hero

Dear Catholic Weekly

I have been a member of the Regina Coeli Parish for 61 years.

I want to nominate ANNE KENSEY as our Parish Hero.



The saying "if you want something done, ask a busy person." That entirely describes Anne.

She is the President of the St. Vincent De Paul Womens Society. She is a reader at Mass, also sings in the choir. She has her finger on the pulse whenever something needs to be done or rectified.

She does not have brilliant health, but when asked about her health she replies "Good." She is a glass half full person, wonderful personality, reliable...

At a recent Parish BBQ she stood in the kiosk all day, serving tea & coffee. She is in her eighties and drives her 90 year old neighbour to mass and functions.

I am sure that I have not mentioned all her abilities, because she does not show off. She just gets the job done. She quietly practices the charity of the Catholic Faith.

Respectfully

Kay Peters, Parishioner- Regina Coeli

Join us for this year's **Walk with Christ** on June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi. Entertainment from 1:30pm in Martin Place. The procession will begin at 2:30pm sharp from the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street. There will be a banner representing Regina Coeli!

Last Weekend
12 June 2022

2nd Collection \$1788.00

1st Collection \$512.20

Attendance

5PM	103
8.30AM	86
10AM	~135
Total	~324

World Meeting of Families

24-26 June 2022

As requested by Pope Francis, and with the encouragement of Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, the World Meeting of Families will be held locally in the Archdiocese of Sydney to celebrate the sanctity, beauty and vitality of family life from Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June.

On Friday, the celebration begins at parishes with the Feast of the Sacred Heart; followed by Saturday, where families join in a pilgrimage to sites and shrines throughout the Archdiocese; and culminating with celebrating the Eucharist with His Grace at St Marys Cathedral on Sunday with 10:30 am Mass, after which families participate in the 'Festival of Families' beside the cathedral with food, coffee, music, stalls and activities for children.

More information and resources for this event are available at: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/world-meeting-of-families/>



Demographic profile

Gender



70% are female

30% are male

Note: The percent for those who chose 'other' will be included in denominational and national reports. Figures have been rounded to 100%.

Marital Status

66% are currently married

Ethnicity

54% are born in Australia

46% are born overseas

42% speak a language other than English at home

Employment

24% are employed full-time (30 hours plus)

51% are retired

Education

45% have a university degree

34% have a trade certificate or secondary school education



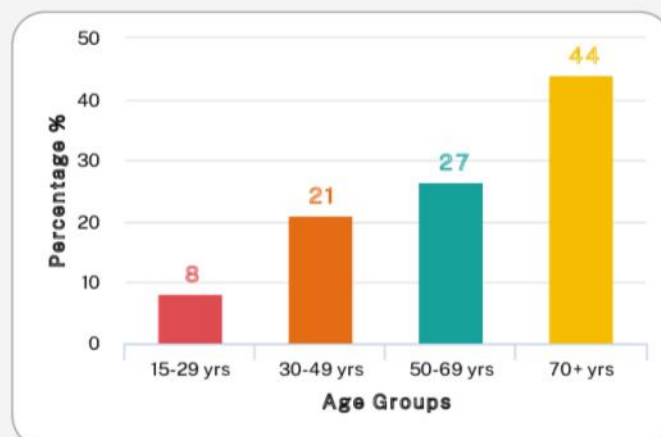
Age and intergenerational ministry

62 yrs is the average age of attenders over 15

64% are satisfied with what is offered for children aged under 12 years

37% are satisfied with what is offered for youth aged 12 to 18

72% agree that people of all ages are encouraged to get involved at this local church



First Reading Gn 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R).
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R).
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I
begot you. (R).
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R).

Second Reading 1 Cor 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

Sequence (shorter form)

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live
for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Feast combines the previous feasts of Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood of Christ. It reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we renew his sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Jesus is the interim meal for the Christian community. We are to feed on it until the Lord returns. We see again the already-but-not-yet character of Christian eschatology, for the Lord has already returned. That means that the Eucharist meal is a re-enactment of Christ's death, an anticipatory celebration of his coming, and a thanksgiving banquet with him present.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes prefigures the eschatological banquet of fulfilment. Its miraculous bounty assures us of the abundance of that future banquet.

Its miracle of multiplication prefigures the miracle of Jesus as he changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood. Jesus handed himself over as food and drink on the very night that he was handed over by others. The banquet that he prepared was a celebration of the new covenant; it was an eschatological banquet of thanksgiving. This feast invites us to enter through either the past, the present or the future, for each one will lead us to the mystery that we celebrate: the mystery of the sacrifice of Christ; the mystery of the sacred bread and wine of the future; the mystery of the eschatological banquet of the present.

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