

# **Liturgy Times**

**SUNDAY:** 

8:30am, 10:00am.

Children's Liturgy during school term

TUESDAY: 8:30am Adoration, 9.15am

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



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# Regina Coeli Parish

**Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney** 

# Weekly

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 July 2022

I was very fortunate to be able to enjoy a three week break. One thing I had looked forward to was a chance to be stress-free for a good length of time. Well, mission accomplished! What difference this might make for me in the long-term, mentally and spiritually, remains to be seen. Regardless, I cannot help but feel grateful not just for the holiday itself but also for my life here as a priest, the appreciation for which has grown while I have been away.

It felt surreal to be able to travel so freely again. All my bookings had been made during the long lockdown of 2021 - a gamble which seems to have paid off. Apparently, the travel industry has been suffering from staff shortages and therefore unable to operate at full capacity, as a result of which cancellations and delays have abounded. For a moment there I had to contemplate the real possibility that one mishap could leave me stranded for weeks! Fortunately, however, everything ran almost perfectly on time, as though by a miracle.



Believe it or not, about halfway through the break, I thought to myself that there is something rather artificial about being on holiday. No one has a vocation to be perpetually on holiday. The state of being on holiday is not fully real. Instead, what is fully real is ordinary life, which is where real meaning is to be found. The privilege of being able to reflect on the meaning of ordinary life, while on holiday, has increased in me the desire to return to ordinary life, only, a little more wisely this time. After all, ordinary life, with the help of God's grace, is the arena upon which things of ultimate consequence happen, including 'rest' in the truest sense of the word. When I celebrated parish mass for the first time upon my return this was the Gospel reading:

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matthew 11:28-30)

I sincerely thank all those who have contributed to the care of the parish, especially during my absence. God bless you!

- Fr Peter -

# **The Week Ahead**

Sun 17 July 16th Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 18 July		No Mass
Tue 19 July	9.15am	Mass
Wed 20 July	7am	Mass
Thu 21 July	9.15am	Mass
Fri 22 July St Mary Magdalene	9.15am	Mass
Sat 23 July	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am 4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Adoration
Sun 24 July 17th Sunday OT	8.30am 10.00am	

## **Recently Deceased**

Paolo Melia, Irene Daly, Marie Thompson, Mildred Pettit, Meret Cassimatis, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Biaggio Costa, Giuseppa Campagna, Peter Lyle

# In Loving Memory

Vanessa & Emile Succar, Giovanni Battiato, Alfa La'Spina, Donato Carnevale, Fouad Attia, Ernest Phibbs, Giovanna Camarda, Maria Debono, Ita Phillips, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: 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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## WINTER APPEAL RECEIPTS

Winter Appeal Receipts for those who requested a receipt are now available at the Ponyara Road entrance to the Church.

The St Vincent de Paul Beverly Hills Men's Conference would like to thank our loyal supporters for their generosity in supporting our Winter Appeal.

# The amount raised is \$6815 a wonderful effort during somewhat difficult times.

Your generosity will go a long way in providing the means for us to continue supporting those struggling within our parish Area.

# **Taxation Receipts**

Thank you for your steadfast support. If you would like a receipt for last financial year's giving, please contact the parish office. The receipt may be emailed to you, or posted to your home address. Please note there is no longer any tax deductibility for Planned Giving. Tax deduction receipts are only available for CWF, Priest's Retirement Fund, and Caritas.



# **HUMANAE VITAE MONTH**



23 July

Answering the Call of Humanae Vitae - The Life and Work of John and Evelyn Billings

# From 9.30am at St Catherine Laboure's, Gymea

Register via Trybooking https://www.trybooking.com/CAGZH

9.30am Morning tea

10am Lyn

Lynne Anderson (CEO of BillingsLIFE) will discuss the development of The Billings Ovulation Method<sup>®</sup> and how to apply this knowledge that every woman ought to have

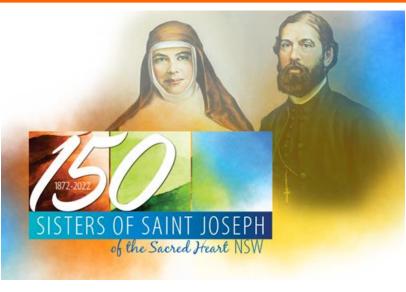
11am Q&A

Last Weekend 10 July 2022

2nd Collection \$1380.00

1st Collection \$450.65

Attendance	
5PM	5.
8.30AM	
10AM	?
Total	



This weekend, the Sisters of Saint Joseph celebrate 150 years of the Congregation's presence in NSW since their arrival in Perthville, near Bathurst, on 16 July 1872.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, was founded by Mary MacKillop and Father Julian Tenison Woods in 1866 in Penola, South Australia. Its first ministry was the opening of a school for the children of that small distant town.

By 1867 there were 10 sisters, and a school in Port Adelaide was opened. Gradually the number of sisters grew and more schools were opened for poor children in South Australia and Queensland.

Just six years after their founding in 1866 in Penola, South Australia, at the invitation of Bishop Matthew Quinn of the Bathurst Diocese, the first foundation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in New South Wales was created at Perthville, on 16 July 1872.

In keeping with their founding spirit, as well as teaching in the schools, the sisters visited families and the sick, and gave religious instruction to children and adults. From this small beginning in Perthville, the ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph, grew and expanded into all 11 Dioceses in NSW.

Throughout the journey of these past 150 years, with all its twists and turns, ups and downs, the grace of God has continued to meet the needs of the times, through the very generous ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph.

As many of you are aware, our own Regina Coeli Parish School was founded by these good St Joseph Sisters in 1947. We are forever grateful for their sacrifice and dedication, to the education of the children in their care.

# NEWS FLASH!

- Inviting all the MEN to St Thomas More Brighton Le Sands – Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August.



Please join us on the morning of Saturday 13th August for a special get together with <u>Bishop Danny Meagher</u>, right here in our beautiful Church of St Thomas More! ...please lock this in your diaries!

This special morning's events will start at 8.00am for Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Meagher at 8.30am.

Following Holy Mass we'll be hosting an extra special version of our "Hearty Cooked Breakfasts" (to welcome the Bishop) before moving to another highlight of the morning; **A very personal "Presentation to the Men of our Community" by Bishop Meagher!** (Followed by an open discussion and concluding with a blessing of our STM Men's Fellowship and the wider community!)

Now is about the RIGHT TIME to start inviting your neighbours, friends and fellow parishioners... please let as many men you know as possible about the 13th August! Our Church Doors will be open from 7.30am - and all are welcome from far and wide to join in!

## Prayer to St. Mary Magdalen

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.



### First Reading Gn 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

# Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

- (R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
- Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
   He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
- He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
- He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

### Second Reading Col 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church, I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

# Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Lk 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.