



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7 August 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



It is customary for a bishop to come out and confirm the children at Regina Coeli. But confirmation is going to be done differently this year. The St George deanery, to which Regina Coeli belongs, has been nominated for a cathedral celebration of confirmation this year. Therefore a total of 40 children (and their supporters) will be travelling to St Mary's Cathedral this Sunday for what is expected to be a beautiful and solemn ceremony. But they still undertook preparatory lessons at the parish. Here is some of what I attempted to convey to them:

Is contact with God possible? Most human beings have thought so for the most of human history, hence the reason for the existence of many different religions which are like diverse expressions of the longing for God which is present in every human heart. Nevertheless, in more recent times, there has been a real rise of those who claim that they are not religious, especially in the formerly Christian parts of the world. So it is not at all a coincidence that ever-stranger ideas and practices are being propagated in the name of "progress" and religiously so. It turns out that a decline of religion, especially Christianity, is followed not by an absence of religion but by a bad "religion" which is intolerant and vicious, not to mention harmful to humanity.

Christianity makes a truly unique and radical claim, namely, not only that contact with God is possible but also that such contact has been perfected in the Incarnation - the coming together of divinity and humanity in the person of Jesus Christ! Human beings, however, were not ready for such perfect contact with God; 'He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.' (John 1:11) Therefore it was necessary for the God-man to reach out even further by suffering, dying and rising. This would mean that no one is a lost cause. No matter who we are or where we have been, forgiveness, redemption and salvation would become a real possibility through contact with the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ!

The Paschal Lamb of God becomes truly present and efficacious in our world today through the power of the Holy Spirit, the sign of whose presence is the Church. The sacraments are concrete ways by which Christ reaches out to us and incorporates us into His Body the Church. In particular the three sacraments of initiation usher us into the space of profound contact with the Christian mystery. At baptism it is as though a new universe is created in our soul, expanding outwards as it is nurtured and treasured. At confirmation what is given at baptism is *confirmed*, so as to become enhanced, especially in respect to its missionary character. The Eucharist, as the saying goes, is the source and summit of the Christian faith - that through which we come into contact with God and that toward which the very contact advances us. ***To be continued...***

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 7 Aug</b> 19th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 8 August</b> St Mary MacKillop	9am Mass with school I 10am Mass with school II
<b>Tue 9 August</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 10 August</b> St Lawrence	7am Mass
<b>Thu 11 August</b> St Clare	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 12 August</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 13 August</b>	9:00am Mass
	9:30- Adoration
	9:55am & Reconciliation
	4:15- Reconciliation
	4:45pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 14 August</b> 20th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

This weekend we begin National Vocations Awareness Week. Today, we focus on the Lord's call to follow him with our whole hearts. We pray especially that the Lord may bless the Archdiocese with faithful priests and religious brothers and sisters in the consecrated life. We pray also for those called to the Vocation of Holy Matrimony and those living a chaste single life. Please continue to encourage young men and women to respond generously to the Lord's call in their lives. In his message for the 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Holy Father explained:

*"All of us are called to share in Christ's mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God. Each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God."*

### Recently Deceased

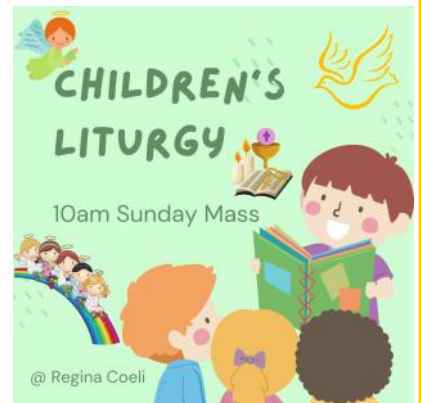
Mark Alexander, Paolo Melia, Irene Daly, Marie Thompson, Mildred Pettit, Meret Cassimatis, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Biaggio Costa, Giuseppa Campagna

### In Loving Memory

Betty Hamilton, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa & Emile Succar, Giovanni Battiato, Alfa La'Spina, Donato Carnevale, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Ita Phillips, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

**Please remember those who are in ill health especially:** Alida Clemente, Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, 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 Camellotti.

**Do you like working with children? Do you have a passion to share your faith? Have you considered volunteering for children's liturgy at 10am Sunday mass? We are looking for volunteer teachers and helpers. All are welcome. Please call Jane on 0414 232 213 if interested and to find out more. God bless!**



### Bereavement Care Group

Thank you to all who have expressed interest to be part of this group.

**We are planning an Information Session on Saturday 13th August, 11am at the Parish Centre to outline what is involved with this service.**



You are welcome to attend this session even if you have not put your name down.

Please contact Rita on 0416 036 283. to confirm your attendance or if you have any questions.

**Rosary Statue**  
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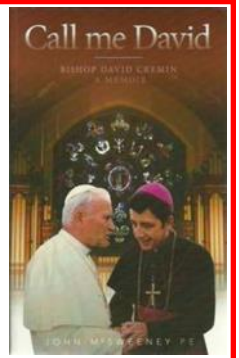
Last Weekend 31 July 2022	
<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1723.00</b>
1st Collection	\$487.95

Attendance	
5PM	107
8.30AM	90
10AM	~130
<b>Total</b>	<b>~327</b>



## **CALL ME DAVID by FATHER JOHN McSWEENEY**

Call Me David was Fr John McSweeney's third book. In it, he reveals some of the lesser known aspects of the bishop's life: how he made a wooden harp (which he couldn't play), how he plays other musical instruments, and has been known to join in an Irish dance or two. David Cremin is a Roman Catholic Bishop Emeritus of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. He was born in Ballydoorty, County Limerick, Ireland in 1930. He was taught by the Jesuits in Limerick, attended the Seminary of All Hallows College in Dublin, and was ordained a priest on 12 June 1955 by John Joseph Scanlan. The Regina Coeli Piety stall has 4 copies of this book for sale (\$10 per copy). The piety stall is open after each Sunday Mass.



### **Regina Coeli Youth Group Gatherings\***

Term 3 2022

13 August

27 August

10 September

24 September - Outing to Revesby Bowling Centre. Parent Helpers needed.

*\*@ the Parish Hall after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass*

**Billings LIFE are presenting a free webinar entitled  
"Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps"  
on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST**

**Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.**

**See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration.**

**website: <https://www.billings.life/en/>**

**Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHl>**



### **Prayer for Vocations**

LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things. INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people. INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you. UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

*- Pope Francis -*

### **Prayer to know my Vocation**

My Lord and my God, You are the source of all love and goodness.

Out of love you created me to know you, to love you,  
and to serve you in a unique way, as no one else can.

I believe that you have a plan for my life,

that you have a mission in your Kingdom reserved for me alone.

Your plan and your mission are far better than any other I might choose.

Lord grant me the light of grace I need to see the next step in Your plan. Amen.

### **Prayer for Priests**

Heavenly Father, we ask you to raise up in this Archdiocese many priests after the Heart of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they devote themselves wholeheartedly to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of Your grace in the sacraments. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of priests, and Saint John Vianney, Patron Saint of all priests, help all those called to the priesthood to respond with a generous heart. Amen.

**First Reading Wis 18:6-9**

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**

**(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

**Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19**

**(or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)**

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready:**

**You know not when the Son of Man is coming.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lk 12:32-48**

**(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)**

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.