



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 September 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 an event was organised by the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney. The event was titled, 'Raising Fathers.' Implied in the title was the idea that fathers are struggling and in need of being raised up for a noble purpose. I did not know what to expect from the event. All I knew was that it could potentially help with our own ministry toward a demographic who have a crucial role to play and yet tend to be under-represented, namely, fathers. So, along with two young fathers from Regina Coeli I attended the event known as 'Raising Fathers' at All Saints Catholic Parish, Liverpool.

The first presenter was a veteran by the name of Robert Falzon who is well known among Catholic circles for a movement called 'Men Alive.' He showed us an inspirational video of a father who had competed in over a thousand ironman-like races in his life. The entire time he was carrying or pulling his disabled son who was completely dependent on him for travel. The father wanted nothing more than to be able give everything for his son who, in return, could not be more proud of his father. Then some striking stats were presented. Almost every societal problem can be traced back to the crisis of fatherhood. For example, it seems that the hundreds of mass shooters in USA over the past few decades have all suffered from the same affliction: absence of a father figure! As the organisers themselves put it, **'Fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world-changing. Done badly it is catastrophic!'**

The next presenter (now a father himself) gave a testimony about his own father. Unfortunately the story was a sad one. Apparently, the mother was an alcoholic and it was incumbent upon the father to confront the issue especially for the sake of the children. But he never did, limiting his role just to that of a provider and being absent otherwise. Growing up the presenter felt unworthy of love, always suspecting that he himself was the root cause of all problems. But his life took a positive turn when he encountered a police officer who reassured him in a poignantly fatherly manner. Since then he focused all his energy on entrepreneurial endeavours, even fuelled by anger and resentment toward his father, as a result of which he became successful in business. If it wasn't for his exposure to a men's group within the Church he might not have been saved from the tragedy of becoming just like his father. The poignant lesson was that **if not resolved it is repeated; if not transformed it is transmitted!**

The first presenter returned to give a quick summary of 10 lessons on fatherhood (more on this perhaps on another day), incorporating into the teaching anecdotes from his own life as a father of three (now grown up) children. The evening ended with Q&A during which it was revealed that, now more than ever, fathers need to be raised up so that they can fight for their children/family. It is neither possible nor commendable for fathers to try to eliminate all outside influence beyond their control.

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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 4 September 23rd Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 5 September | No Mass |
| Tue 6 September | 9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation w. 5 blue |
| Wed 7 September | 7am Mass |
| Thu 8 September Birthday of Mary | 9.15am Mass |
| Fri 9 September | 9.15am Mass 9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation |
| Sat 10 September | 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm |
| Sun 11 September 24th Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

Recently Deceased

Paolo Melia, Shirley Hassett, Pauline Velchik, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Giuseppa Campagna

In Loving Memory

Bob Henderson, Jose Gomes, Bartolo Tesoriero, Anna Cicuto, Filippa Stallone, Stephen & Ronald Xuereb, Doreen Simmons, Roy Mitchell, Giuseppe Graniero, Ken Maher, Mary McKinnon Betty Hamilton, Mark Phillips, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Jeanette Cardozo, 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.

Rosary Statue
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ROSARY OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH ROSARY STATUE

Have Our Lady's statue visit your house for one week each year. Ring the Parish or the co-ordinator, Margaret Weeks (9554-3250) to join the roster

OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

Thursday 8th September

Rosary in the Church on the hour every hour from 10am - 5pm. Please sign the roster sheet at the side door.

MEN'S ROSARY GROUP

1st Saturday of each month at 1pm (St Mary's Cathedral piazza). For further information email Jim Weeks (jamesweeks2007@hotmail.com)

First Holy Communion

Fifty one children from our parish community will receive their First Holy Communion during the 5pm & 10am Masses on 10/11 & 17/18 September.



Happy Father's Day!



From Regina Coeli

Last Weekend
28 August 2022

2nd Collection \$1226.00

1st Collection \$479.60

Attendance

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| 5PM | 119 |
| 8.30AM | 104 |
| 10AM | ~125 |
| Total | ~348 |

Continued from Page 1 Speaking of outside influence, a father would have been totally deluded not to know how vigilant they must be these days, especially given all that the children are exposed to. Fortunately, they are not alone in their paternal concern; awakened and raised up, all fathers are on the same page. The whole event reminded me that there is a long tradition of men's movements within the Church and, even as we speak, there are a number of groups of men out there who are coming together in faithful brotherhood. This brings me to the most important part of the article:

The parish of Regina Coeli has been fortunate to have had, and still do, some exemplary Christian men. I have been talking to one father in particular. We are both aware that there are a good number of fathers in our community who are driven by the desire to fight for their family and sincerely feel the need for divine assistance. Some of them know one another. Many others don't. So, there is a plan - much of it still in the pipeline - for starting to bring them together so as to allow, with divine assistance, an army of faithful men to emerge. The first step might be to focus on young fathers. But it is hoped that the possibility of involving all men of different situations and stages of life will also be explored in due time. Please contact me if you wish to contribute to the project even if just by sharing a small idea or recommending a good man or two. And please pray for the cause, on Father's Day and beyond! Speaking of which, Happy Father's Day!

- Fr Peter -

***'...[we] are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members. For the whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts.'* (Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti)**

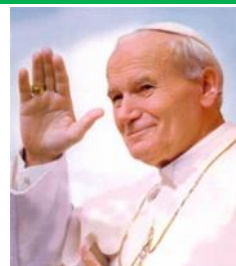
The pope's father

Before becoming a priest, St. John Paul II was formed in the faith by his father at home. Looking back, John Paul II would call this time of his life "the first home seminary."

Among the many things his dad taught him was a **special prayer to the Holy Spirit**.

Karol, Sr., gave him a prayer book on the Holy Spirit, which he used throughout his life, and also taught him the following prayer and instructed him to recite it daily:

***Holy Spirit, I ask you for the gift of Wisdom to better know You and Your divine perfections,
for the gift of Understanding to clearly discern the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith,
for the gift of Counsel that I may live according to the principles of this faith,
for the gift of Knowledge that I may look for counsel in You and that I may always find it in You,
for the gift of Fortitude that no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from You,
for the gift of Piety that I may always serve Your Majesty with a filial love,
for the gift of the Fear of the Lord that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God.***



40th Reunion of the De La Salle Kingsgrove class of 1982

A reunion of the De La Salle Year 10 class of 1982 will be held on Saturday 8 October from 6.00 pm at Kingsgrove RSL. The evening will be a chance to celebrate with food and drink. It will include live music and interviews with an option to meet at 4.00 pm beforehand for a walk around of the old school. Partners are welcome. Tickets are \$60. RSVP 17 September. Please contact Anthony Rogers on 0419 633 522 or Anthony Johnston on 0414 730 830 or Paul Tooney on 0421 138 400

2022 Annual Marriage Mass

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am on Sunday the 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome!



Please RSVP by the 12th of September at

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>.

For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the
soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is
on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our
reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt
it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and,
what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for a child of mine,
whose father I became while wearing these
chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending
him back to you, and with him – I could
say – a part of my own self. I should have
liked to keep him with me; he could have
been a substitute for you, to help me while
I am in the chains that the Good News has
brought me. However, I did not want to do
anything without your consent; it would
have been forcing your act of kindness,
which should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time,
but it was only so that you could have him
back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear
brother; especially dear to me, but how
much more to you, as a blood-brother as
well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that
we have in common means anything to you,
welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my
disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way
and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man
comes to me without hating his father, mother,
wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his
own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone
who does not carry his cross and come after
me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to
build a tower, would not first sit down and
work out the cost to see if he had enough
to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself unable
to finish the work, the onlookers would all
start making fun of him and saying, "Here is
a man who started to build and was unable to
finish." Or again, what king marching to war
against another king would not first sit down
and consider whether with ten thousand men
he could stand up to the other who advanced
against him with twenty thousand? If not, then
while the other king was still a long way off,
he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in
the same way, none of you can be my disciple
unless he gives up all his possessions.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The wisdom tradition from which the
first reading is taken is rooted in the fact
that life is a series of choices. The
epistle and the gospel reading provide
us with examples of the way Christians
should choose. Finally, the psalm's
description of the fleeting nature of life
sets the context and tone of our
decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face
of all the choices available to us, we
keep our priorities straight. In the
gospel, Jesus insists that we must be
single minded. We must cling to the one
thing necessary, and that one thing is
authentic discipleship. In choosing
Jesus, we choose other things as well.
We choose new relationships with the
very people to whom we have already
been committed. Those who were
slaves, or lower class, or employees, or
providers of service are now regarded as
sisters and brothers in Christ. In
choosing Jesus, we also choose the
cross. We choose to live in a way that
calls us to travel the high road: to forgive
offences committed against us; to live
simply so that others can simply live; to
take responsibility for the moral
character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as
characterised in the psalm forces us to
look at the meaning of life. When the
day dawns for us to return to dust, what
will we have gained from life? The
realisation of our finiteness and the
transitory nature of life should help us to
set our priorities right and should give us
the courage to remain faithful to them.

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