



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 October 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



The Retreat Day for Seniors last Wednesday was a cause of much gratitude! There were 17 of us on a modest bus which seemed perfectly sized for a group such as ours. The driver was bright and friendly, perhaps intimating that a lot more happens than meets the eye, interiorly speaking, while he spends hours on the road each day.

We arrived at Mount Shoenstatt Spirituality Centre in perfect time for morning tea. [A communal day for our seniors would not be complete without either morning or afternoon tea!] Then everyone was given free time to roam the beautiful premises in order to ponder, pray and praise!

The weather forecast for the entire week had been not at all promising. I had prayed for the rain to stop for the day, but not even in my wildest imagination had dared to hope for the glorious weather we were blessed with on Wednesday - a real, surprising taste of summer before summer. I simply could not believe it!

We met in the house chapel for a simple weekday Mass, which was immediately followed by lunch in the dining room overlooking the valley. Gratitude continued to be inspired as a homely meal was served, away from home, in a place which immediately struck everyone as a sanctuary of peace and serenity.

Sr Rene - one of the Shoenstatt sisters who reside there - gave us a talk after lunch. She explained that 'Shoen-statt' comprised of two German words which meant 'beautiful-place.' In other words, Mt Shoenstatt was a beautiful place and Mary was the Queen of Shoenstatt. I immediately thought of our own church of Regina Coeli which is also a beautiful place where Mary is the Queen of Heaven!

Sr Rene explained that there are over 200 Shoenstatt shrines around the world which are exactly of the same shape and size. This is so that the sisters, wherever they may be in their missionary endeavours, can always find their home through the connection with the shrine, which has a prominent image of Mary, Mother Thrice Admirable, which is framed by the words: A child of Mary never perishes!

In the late afternoon the temperature dropped and formidable clouds loomed over us as if to remind us of what an extraordinary favour had been bestowed upon us on this day and the fact that it was now time to return to ordinary life. So, we prayed the rosary together in the Shoenstatt shrine before reconnecting with the bus which brought us safely home. It is hoped that the graces of the retreat day will continue to unfold and bring benefits to our participants and to all those whom they serve, especially through their ministry of prayer!

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 23 October 30th Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 24 October	No Mass
Tue 25 October	9.15am Mass
Wed 26 October	7am Mass
Thu 27 October	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation Yr 5B
Fri 28 October Sts Simon & Jude	9.15am Mass
Sat 29 October	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 30 October 31st Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Noel Smith, John Sullivan, David Boyd, Paolo Melia, Shirley Hassett, Pauline Velchik, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Giuseppa Campagna

In Loving Memory

Rebecca Phibbs, David Browne, James & June Roebuck, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Fatima Degouveia, Bob Henderson, Maria Da Silva, Jose Gomes, Anna Cicuto, Filippa Stallone, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: Mary Patricia Hanrahan, 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, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

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The name 'Noel Smith,' at least for those who have been at Regina Coeli long enough, is almost synonymous with 'a great parishioner' - a true gentleman of deep faith and unbounded positivity who used to say things like, 'I am only 90! I am only 91! I am only 92!' I did notice, however, that he stopped implying that age was just a number after turning 93. It was time for him to move away from his beloved parish, to a nursing home closer to his son Fr Peter Smith. This was a few years ago. He has passed away during the week.

Requiem Mass for Noel Smith will be celebrated at Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Cemetery, next Thursday Oct 27th at 11.00 am.

*Eternal rest grant unto Noel
O Lord. May he rest in
peace. Amen.*



MONTHLY ROSARY

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on the first Friday of November:

On Friday 4th November at 11am.

All are welcome!



Invitation to join a Prayer group @ 3pm in the Parish Community Centre on Saturday the 29th of October. Meeting starts with rosary for all personal and parish intentions, our priests including Father Peter, and our nation and world. After rosary there is reading of the Gospels together and discussion if interested but you can just join for rosary. All are most welcome.

All Souls

November is just around the corner. As happened last year, it is hoped that a pinup board with photos of loved ones who have passed away will be set up in the Chapel of Our Lady and remain there during the whole month of November.

Please bring a photo either to Fr Peter or to the parish office. A copy can be made at the parish office. You can also email a digital copy to: beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com



Last Weekend 16 October 2022

2nd Collection \$1486.65

1st Collection	\$414.00
Cashless Giving	\$165

Attendance

5PM	141
8.30AM	109
10AM	~130
Total	~380

<u>Income</u>	This Year \$	Last year \$	<u>Expenditure</u>	This Year \$	Last year \$
Planned Giving (2nd Collection)	61,241	81,375	<u>Altar & Church</u>	6,734	4,557
Loose coins (2nd Collection)	23,337	24,870	Electricity/Gas	7,457	7,334
Candles	7,424	11,941	Insurance	29,464	22,867
Donations	3,572	14,976	Car Expenses	9,329	9,121
Interest Received	6,893	11,355	Postage/Printing/Telephone	4,833	5,545
Hall Hire	63,925	68,885	Repair & Maintenance	13,173	37,545
Government Subsidies	30,885	30,792	Salaries/Superannuation (Staff)	18,049	34,616
Other	8,865	7,100	New Printer/Photocopier	9,278	-
Total Income	206,142	251,294	Other	24,772	21,066
			Total Expense	123,089	142,651
			Total Surplus	83,053	108,643



Choir Gathering There will be a gathering for the church choir on Sunday 30 October after the 10am Mass. Those we are thinking of participating in the music ministry are invited to join us for refreshments of finger food and drink. For more information please contact Herman at 0411 535 451.

Regina Coeli Parish Children's Liturgy

Parents, do you struggle to get your children to mass on Sunday morning? Do they complain about how long it takes or that it is hard for them to understand what is happening? Well, Regina Coeli Parish has the perfect thing to entice them to get there each week.

Each Sunday, during the school term, children who attend the parish 10am mass are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy. Located in the Parish hall, experienced volunteers give their time to prepare lessons to help children understand the Gospel reading of the day, in an engaging, "child-friendly" way. Children are safely walked across the road to the hall to take part in fun lessons. Lessons teach them how to relate the Gospel reading to their everyday life and ways they can follow Jesus. They even get something to take home!

The only way we can grow our Church is with our young ones, and getting them to attend church in the early years can make it easier for them to grow into adults who attend church.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Children's Liturgy Teachers



First Reading Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the
detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's
supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves
God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the
clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable
nor will he desist until the Most High takes
notice of him,
acquits the virtuous and delivers
judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a
libation, and the time has come for me to
be gone. I have fought the good fight to
the end; I have run the race to the finish;
I have kept the faith; all there is to come
now is the crown of righteousness reserved
for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge,

will give to me on that Day; and not only to
me but to all those who have longed for his
Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence,
there was not a single witness to support
me. Every one of them deserted me – may
they not be held accountable for it. But
the Lord stood by me and gave me power,
so that through me the whole message
might be proclaimed for all the pagans to
hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's
mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely to his
heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself;**

**and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some
people who prided themselves on being
virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two
men went up to the Temple to pray, one
a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer
to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not
grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of
mankind, and particularly that I am not like
this tax collector here. I fast twice a week;
I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector
stood some distance away, not daring even
to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his
breast and said, "God, be merciful to me,
a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home
again at rights with God; the other did
not. For everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to
fall into a kind of self-righteousness.
Their very enthusiasm and generosity
can plant the seeds of religious
arrogance. They know what
commitment demands of them; they
experience relative success in their
endeavors to be faithful; they distance
themselves from what they think
might threaten their resolve; and then
they pass judgment on those who do
not share their values or experience
their success. This kind of arrogance
is often imperceptible, because there
is enough truth in every step along the
way that it is difficult to recognise
when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one
who admits being a sinner, and can
accept the implications of that
admission. This is the kind of prayer
that is described in the reading from
Sirach and the psalm response. It is
those who can admit that they are
needy who turn to God in that need. It
is those who trust that God will be
their strength in the face of their
weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the
attitudes that should be ours as we
pray. Like the Pharisee, he
acknowledges his success. He has
competed well; he has finished the
course; he has kept the faith.
However, unlike the Pharisee, he
acknowledges that God is the source
of any good he has been able to
accomplish. The Lord stood by him
and gave him strength. If there is any
glory, it belongs to God. Paul's
confident prayer springs from a
humble heart.

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