



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

### 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



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### Christ the King 20 November 2022

Is democracy the best form of government? That depends. The ancient philosopher Aristotle argued that the best of government - one which is capable of generating the greatest possible amount of common good - is in fact something like...monarchy! In other words, societies would benefit the most if they were ruled by one person - either a king or a queen. But Aristotle qualified his view by explaining that it would be true *if and only if* an ideal king or queen existed. And he was wise enough to know that self-serving tyrants were far more likely to come by than ideal kings or queens. And therefore he also argued that something like democracy might be a good compromise as a system of government.

We long for a good leader. And if there is a good leader we want that leader to be empowered so as to be able to do what needs to be done. In other words, possibly to our own surprise, we actually long for a king (or a queen)! Christ is such a king and infinitely more. The Kingdom of Heaven would be a perfect society *if and only if* Christ the King was in charge. But in view of the fact that Jesus himself said, 'My kingship is not of this world' (John 18:36), we would do well to be prepared to find good leadership wanting, perhaps more often than not, on this side of paradise. In other words, we should not be surprised when the rulers of this world struggle to move beyond the folly of serving themselves.

It hardly seems accidental that, apparently, one of the largest redistributions of wealth has occurred over the past few years: the wealthy have become wealthier and the middle class have been dealt a severe blow. As for the poor or vulnerable, they are the silent victims who, unlike those who can at least form unions, have no one to stand up for them. And yet the very ruling class who, in their response to a crisis, have been biased in one direction - the direction of astounding self-interest - appear to be getting away scott free, still manipulating the narrative as it suits them, even to the point of re-writing history, and censoring or gas-lighting anyone who notices, as if to be preparing for their next big score.

How incredibly fortunate are we then to have Christ as the King of kings, Lord of lords? He is in charge! No earthly ruler or empire, no matter how seemingly invincible, will have the last word. To the extent that they are driven by what is ungodly their defeat will be crushing and total. Ultimately, however, the battle is not between the ruling class and families, or even between the right and the left, but is of a spiritual kind. St Paul once wrote, 'For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.' (Ephesians 6:12) The King who is infinitely more powerful than the Prince of the this world is sure to reclaim the Kingdom one encounter at a time, one soul at a time, if only we could exercise faith!

- Fr Peter -

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 20 November</b> Christ the King	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
<b>Mon 21 November</b> Presentation BVM		No Mass
<b>Tue 22 November</b> St Cecilia	9.15am	Mass with Kindergarten
<b>Wed 23 November</b>	7am	Mass
<b>Thu 24 November</b> Vietnamese Martyrs	9.15am	Mass
<b>Fri 25 November</b>	9.15am	Mass
<b>Sat 26 November</b>	9:00am	Mass
	9:30-	Adoration
	9:55am	& Reconciliation
	4:15-	
	4:45pm	Reconciliation
<b>Sun 27 November</b> 1st Sunday Advent	5pm	Vigil Mass
	8.30am	Mass
	10.00am	Family Mass



**PARISH CHRISTMAS  
CAROLS & PARTY**  
**SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 2022**  
**STARTING WITH CAROLS (CHURCH) AT 4:30PM**

**You're Invited! To our very first Christmas Carols event followed by Christmas Party on Sunday 11 December 2022! Carols will commence at 4.30pm in the church followed by free dinner at 5.15 pm with food, drinks, and activities for all ages. Join us as we sing all your favourite Christmas Carols as the musical ministry at Regina Coeli unites to bring you the songs of the most joyous time of the liturgical year. We would love you to join us - so if you are a singer or musician please get in touch with Natasha - [nat\\_demel@live.com.au](mailto:nat_demel@live.com.au) or Lauren - [laurenlim650@gmail.com](mailto:laurenlim650@gmail.com) There will be rehearsals on 24/11 and 1/12 at 6 pm in the church. We hope to see you there.**

**NOVEMBER MASSES**



will be offered for holy souls, especially those mentioned in the book.

## ROSARY OPPORTUNITIES

### MONTHLY ROSARY

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at 11am. All are welcome.



**Rosary Statue**  
**Mr & Mrs B Yang**  
**27 Bungalow Road**  
**Ph: 0422 386 168**



### Christmas Wishing Well Appeal

As is tradition here at Regina Coeli, the ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society are to hold their Christmas Appeal to raise money for those much in need in our area. The ladies will be collecting after all Mass on the weekends of 26/27 November, 3/4 December and 10/11 December. Thank you.

**Parish Secretary**  
TBC  
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Tues 11am-4pm  
&  
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**School Principal**  
Mr Chris Egan  
Asst. Principal  
Mr Peter Busch  
  
**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

### Last Weekend 13 November 2022

#### 2nd Collection \$1454.45

1st Collection	\$472.65
Cashless Giving	\$125

#### Attendance

5PM	127
8.30AM	91
10AM	~145
<b>Total</b>	<b>~363</b>



## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas*, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would bring about the following:

- That this annual celebration would assist the faithful to gain strength in their true King, Jesus Christ;
- That leaders and nations would recognise that they are bound to submit and give respect to Christ the King;
- That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. In these times when we are challenged in our faith and our ability to worship together, let us remember that Jesus Christ is Our King who reigns forever.
- That individuals should honour and recognise Jesus as their 'Sovereign King' and emulate his total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of their thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer and help to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.



**The Beverly Hills Men's Conference will be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards & 2023 Columban Art Calendars from this weekend.**

**Please note the calendars are due for delivery between Thurs 10/11 & Mon 14/11 so they may not be available until the following weekend.**

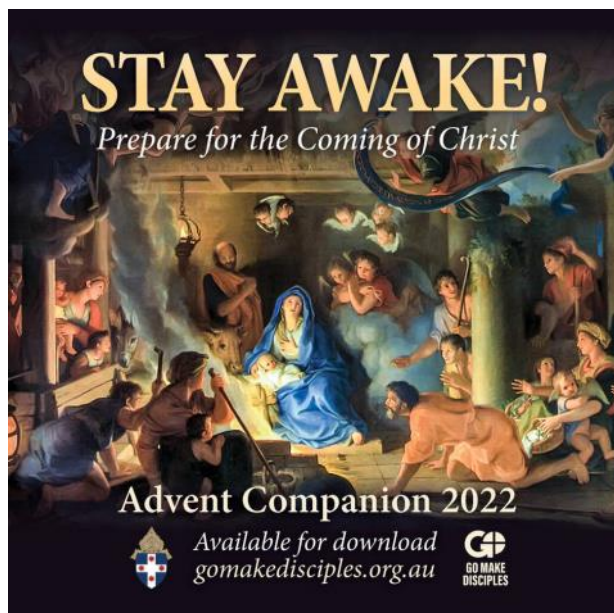
**Purchases can be made by visiting the Piety Stall, with money raised used to assist the needy in our Parish area.**

**Christmas Cards of high quality will be selling for \$5.00 for a pack of 10 cards.**

**Columban Art Calendars, highlighting Solemnities, Feasts & Memorials, are selling at the bargain price of \$7.00 per calendar.**

## STAY AWAKE! Prepare for the Coming of Christ Advent Companion 2022

*The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba.*



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
invites you to

# CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's  
PRESENTED BY paynterdixon

**8-25 DECEMBER 2022**

We invite our parish families and all people of goodwill across Sydney to come together at St Mary's Cathedral during Advent to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Festivities begin at 7pm with:**  
Christmas market stalls, food,  
fun activities for the kids and live  
entertainment.

**First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3**

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2**

*(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of  
judgement  
of the house of David. (R.)

**Second Reading Col 1:12-20**

*He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything  
invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,  
Powers –  
all things were created through him and  
for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.  
As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through  
him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on  
earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9. 10**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed is he who inherits the  
kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel Lk 23:35-43**

*Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.