



# 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

### 1st Sunday of Advent 27 November 2022

It seems like only yesterday that November started with a bang (All Saints and All Souls). But the month of holy souls is all but ended, as a new liturgical year begins with Advent this weekend. 'Stay awake,' said Jesus in the Sunday Gospel reading because, if we don't, then, the very essence of life might pass us by! Speaking of "staying awake," **please remember to RSVP if possible, for catering purposes, regarding the Parish Christmas Carols & Party via the signup sheet at every door. Volunteers are needed! The signup sheet for volunteers will only be at the back of the church.** Please remember also that the ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting donations over three weekends for the purpose of reaching out to the needy in our own area for this year's Christmas.

The first ever group at Regina Coeli to undertake *Alpha* has now completed the program. What is *Alpha*? It is a (roughly) ten week program. Each week consists of spending the first hour on sharing a meal, which is then followed by the second hour whereby a (roughly) 20 minute video is watched and discussed by the participants. The beauty of *Alpha*, as far as I can see, lies in its structure: a real sense of communion forms when a meal and intimate thoughts are shared, and then the ritual is repeated 10 times! Some of the participants initially felt daunted by the prospect of a 10-week-long commitment. In the end, however, they all seemed to want more!

A little bit of commitment can go a long way in making a remarkable difference. Last weekend I said something at the end of Mass which might be worth reiterating: We *could* merely turn up to Mass. Or we could turn up to Mass *after* having spent time in quiet prayer regularly during the week *and* having listened to the Word of God, especially by reference to the scripture readings for the upcoming Mass. The difference might be greater than we think, even exponentially so! After all, Jesus said, 'For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.' (Matthew 13:12)

Last week 100 free copies of 'Stay Awake' - a booklet produced by the Archdiocese of Sydney containing the Sunday Gospel readings/reflections for Advent and Christmas, were all taken. Electronic copies of the booklet can also be downloaded for free (more information Page 3). There are many other means by which we can reflect on the Word of God, so as to be formed by Wisdom itself, not least in preparation for receiving the Word-made-flesh in the Eucharist. A little bit of commitment can go a long way in giving us a taste of the transformative power of God's grace, thereby revealing the fact that, no matter what, the best is yet to come! - Fr Peter -



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 27 November</b> 1st Sunday Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 28 November</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 29 November</b>	<b>9.15am No Mass</b> <b>10:30am Funeral Mass for Francis Law</b>
<b>Wed 30 November</b> St Andrew	7am Mass
<b>Thu 1 December</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 2 December</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 3 December</b> St Francis Xavier	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 4 December</b> 2nd Sunday Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Francis Law, Therese Foster, Noel Smith, Paolo Melia, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Giuseppa Campagna

### In Loving Memory

David Browne, James & June Roebuck, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Fatima Degouveia, Bob Henderson, 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

### Rosary Statue

**Mrs A. Capra**  
**168 Moorefields Road**  
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**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.

*For catering reasons please RSVP if possible on the signup sheet at the back of the church.*

*Volunteers needed! There is a separate signup sheet for those who are willing to volunteer. Thank you!*

## 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.



**Parish Secretary**  
TBC  
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&  
Fri 11am-4pm

**Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO**  
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**School Principal**  
Mr Chris Egan  
Asst. Principal  
Mr Peter Busch  
  
**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

### Last Weekend 20 November 2022

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1082.25</b>
1st Collection	\$495.00
Cashless Giving	\$770

### Attendance

5PM	109
8.30AM	94
10AM	~160
<b>Total</b>	<b>~363</b>



## 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.



## Mass for Expectant Mothers and those hoping to conceive

**Sunday 11 December**

10am

St Paul of the Cross church

522 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill

Are you expecting a little one? Are you hoping to conceive but have been unable to have children? The Mass for Expectant Mothers is for you. Join Bishop Daniel Meagher for this annual celebration-family and friends welcome! The celebration will be followed by some light refreshments, please RSVP for catering purposes by 27 November at [www.trybooking.com/CDILN](http://www.trybooking.com/CDILN)

**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.**



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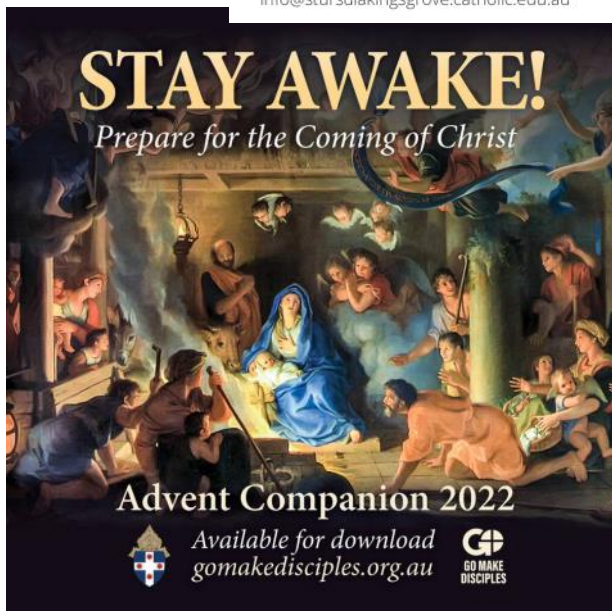
### A new pathway for Years 11 & 12 students

Students at St Ursula's College can now choose to study the HSC or the International Baccalaureate Diploma.

Enquire now to learn more and to apply for Year 11 2023.



St Ursula's College  
KINGSGROVE



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 Is 2:1-5

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it;  
and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of  
the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from  
Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into  
ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.**

*(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. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
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.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

You know 'the time' has come: you must  
wake up now: our salvation is even nearer  
than it was when we were converted. The  
night is almost over, it will be daylight soon  
– let us give up all the things we prefer  
to do under the cover of the dark; let us  
arm ourselves and appear in the light.  
Let us live decently as people do in the  
daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity  
or licentiousness, and no wrangling or  
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 24:37-44

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in  
Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of  
Man comes. For in those days before the  
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking  
wives, taking husbands, right up to the day  
Noah went into the ark, and they suspected  
nothing till the Flood came and swept all  
away. It will be like this when the Son of  
Man comes. Then of two men in the fields  
one is taken, one left; of two women at the  
millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know  
the day when your master is coming.  
You may be quite sure of this that if the  
householder had known at what time of  
the night the burglar would come, he would  
have stayed awake and would not have  
allowed anyone to break through the wall  
of his house. Therefore, you too must stand  
ready because the Son of Man is coming at  
an hour you do not expect.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We may be accustomed to think of  
Advent as the time when we prepare  
for the coming of God, but the  
readings also train our attention on  
our own journey to God. We see this  
most clearly in this first Sunday with  
readings that tell us the identity of  
the pilgrims, the destination toward  
which they travel, and the way of life  
that is required of them on their  
journey. As the Vatican Council has  
proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the  
psalm response speak of the  
pilgrimage to the mountain of the  
Lord, the place where God can be  
found. Although the psalm speaks  
about Jerusalem and refers to the  
temple there, the broader theological  
significance of the mountain, the city  
and the temple is one and the same.  
They represent the presence of God  
in our midst, and this presence is the  
goal of our striving. There are clear  
directions about how we are to live  
while we are on this pilgrimage to  
God. In Isaiah we learn that we must  
put away our instruments of violence  
and hatred, our swords and our  
spears. Lest we pick them up again,  
we are told to convert them into life-  
producing implements, into ploughs  
and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us  
to put away our deeds of darkness  
and self-indulgence and to clothe  
ourselves instead in the deeds of  
Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the  
need for alertness, attentiveness, a  
disposition that is open to a change  
of heart.

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