



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
1 January 2023

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



Happy
New Year
2023



2020 was welcomed with apprehension a few years ago because it had sounded at the time like a *distant* future which was not meant to come around so soon. Little did we know what a *dystopian* future it was going to feel like! 2021 turned out to be more or less a continuation, even a consolidation, of the trauma of 2020 and, some would argue, unnecessarily so. 2022 has been by far the best year in over three years, at least for me personally. My personal reasons aside, here are some of the highlights of 2022 at the parish level (listed in an alphabetical order):

Alpha. The first ever Alpha group at Regina Coeli went fantastically! My hope is that there will usually be at least one Alpha group (or an Alpha-like group) running at Regina Coeli at any given time. This is so that the faith of parishioners, both new and old, can undergo affirmation and renewal in a highly fraternal environment. Let's also be on the lookout for other faith-formation opportunities.

BBQ. I am fairly certain that the record has been broken in 2022 for the most number of BBQs held in one year at Regina Coeli. This would have happened in 2020 if not for, you know, the pandemic. Granted, all of the BBQs happened only after the 10am Mass but at least that is a start. With enough interest (and support of volunteers) even the monthly morning tea after mass, or something equivalent, could be reintroduced but I need a sign!

Christmas Party in 2022 was one for the history books. But it is also worth noting that, unlike in the past, there are now two major parties each year - one at Christmas and another at Pentecost. Just to give everyone a heads-up, the mid-year party in 2023 is to be held around the Coral Sea Sunday (instead of Pentecost), to commemorate 60 years since the opening of the beautiful church of Regina Coeli! **I am also looking for helpers to organise another parish dinner**, like the one in 2019, around the feast of Regina Coeli (22 August).

Garden at the parish centre has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past 12 months. A saintly man by the name of George Cooley had given us a beautiful garden of noble simplicity. After he passed away the garden quietly fell into disarray with ever increasing menace. Then the story of three Peters emerged: Kay Peters and Peter Johnson were heroic in rescuing what seemed almost irredeemable! The third Peter now mows the lawn. Hopefully the transformation of the garden is a sign of other transformations in parish life still to come!

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The Week Ahead

Sun 1 January Mary Mother of God	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 2 January St Basil	No Mass
Tue 3 January	9.15am Mass
Wed 4 January	7.00am Mass
Thu 5 January	9.15am Mass
Fri 6 January	9.15am Mass
Sat 7 January	9.00am Mass 9.30- 9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15- 4.45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass
Sun 8 January Epiphany	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass



*A home nativity scene
created by a parishioner!*

Recently Deceased

James Costello, June Coyle, Colin Fisher, Veronica Kellert, Isabel Shai-Hee, Francis Law, Therese Foster, Noel Smith, Paolo Melia, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft

In Loving Memory

Gennaro Sacco, Ronald Xureb, Paul Gatt, Kathleen Coleman, Peter Pezzutti, Mari Zapata, Donato Canevale, Salvatore Russo, Fr Peter Phibbs, Pietro & Grazia Banno, Mary & Bernie Crawford, David Brown, James & June Roebuck, Bob Henderson, 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, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.



Rosary Statue

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MONTHLY ROSARY

The First Friday of the Month
Rosary will be recited in Our
Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli
on 6th January at 11.00am.

All are welcome!



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Last Weekend 25 December 2022

2nd Collection \$1983.00

1st Collection \$1188.55

Cashless Giving \$320

Attendance

5PM Full

Midnight ~170

8.30AM 196

10AM Full

Total ~900+

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Grief Care Group was officially launched in 2022. We are blessed to have an expert coordinator (Rita Chater) and other dedicated volunteers with various talents. The new group is already making a noticeable difference to the quality of pastoral care offered to the bereaved. Come to think of it, there are other pastoral opportunities which occur on a regular basis e.g. baptisms, funerals, weddings, RCIA, etc. How much could pastoral care be enhanced in these situations if, not just the priest, but parishioners of faith and love also came to the aid?

Of course the greatest highlight of all time has to do with the fact that we have parishioners whom not even the pandemic could deter from treasuring the parish as their spiritual home! Some of them continue to make sacrifices of their time and talent to be at the service of the whole community. Others are steadfast in their prayer life and mass attendance. There are generous donors who support the parish financially and unassumingly so. All of the blessings could not possibly be listed anywhere, let alone in a parish bulletin. Thanks be to God! Let us look forward to an even better year as a faith community, with realistic optimism and, certainly, with the theological virtue of hope. Happy new year!

- Fr Peter -



Words of Remembrance for June Coyle **30th March 1931 - 11th December 2022**

From Stephen (son)

She was born June Margaret Miller on the 30th March 1931 at a small private hospital in Bellevue Hill to Francis and Doris Miller...When she was 17 her father was taken to hospital suffering from Tuberculosis and was away from the family for a long time, so she was responsible for helping her mother look after the house and her brothers and sister during this time...it was through the dances at the CYO that she would meet our father, Keith Reginald Coyle...After a few years living in the Eastern Suburbs they had saved enough money for a deposit on a house in Beverly Hills, which they moved into in 1954.



In the coming years they produced four children – myself (Stephen) and my three beautiful sisters, Jane, Linda and Susan. As we all grew up Mum was always there with a kind and calming voice and we knew we could always depend on her. She was a very talented lady, she was good at sewing, knitting, porcelain painting and especially her cooking. I will always remember some of our parties and our Christmas dinners and wondered how she fed so many people in such a small kitchen – it reminded me of the loaves and fishes story!!

We are glad that we could have the funeral here at Regina Coeli because this was her Parish that she loved very much and its also the school that my sisters and I started our school life at! Many happy times!

From Linda (daughter)

Mum led a life of generosity. A kind and most giving lady who reached out to all who knew her. Whether it was the members of the Church, St Vincent De Paul, her neighbours, her family, her brothers, sisters and their families, mum gave so generously of her time and always with the purest of heart...Mum gave us all advice, helped us all through our difficult and uncertain times. She gave encouragement and strength when we needed it and would always tell us to pray to “Our Lady”. Mum was so proud of her grandchildren, loving all thirteen unconditionally and keeping involved in all their interests and lives.

The grandkids would all agree that staying over at Nana’s place was always the best...They would go on outings and if it was a Sunday her and Dar would be proud to take them to Mass. They would sit in the front row as she sang so beautifully in the Regina Coeli Choir.

“So gentle yet so strong”. This was her life, lived with laughter, joy and peace. We all loved her more than words can say. She will live on in our hearts and memories forever more. We were blessed.

First Reading Nm 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that

cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs.

The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our *Abba*. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.

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