



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**2nd Sunday of Advent  
4 December 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

**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 also remember that the ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society are collecting donations for the purpose of reaching out to the needy in our own area for this year's Christmas.**

Did you know that there was a priest on the Titanic? A few months ago I was at a clergy conference. The first session was on the Liturgy, the importance of which cannot be overstated. It was said that the best catechesis on the Liturgy is the Liturgy itself when it is well celebrated. My hope is for a liturgy committee to be formed at Regina Coeli before too long. This is so that a group of parishioners who love prayer/worship might be able to support me in thinking ahead and preparing appropriately for the upcoming special days. We can aim for incremental improvements each year rather than overnight perfection. If any of this speaks to you please let me know! The second session of the clergy conference was on preaching. The presenter who himself was a preacher lived up to the expectation by keeping us engaged with some good stories, one of which was the following:

Yes, there was at least one priest on the Titanic - Father Francis Browne S.J. The story goes that he came from a family of independent means who bought him a ticket for one leg of the Titanic's journey. While onboard Fr Browne met a family who became so fond of him that they offered to buy him another ticket so that he could join them for the next leg of the Titanic's itinerary - the infamous one which was destined never to be completed. So, the young priest excitedly sent a telegram to his superior, seeking permission to extend his holiday. Apparently, telegrams in those days were charged per character. So the reply that from Fr Browne's superior was curt and unambiguous: 'GET OFF SHIP'

Like a good Jesuit Fr Browne obeyed the instruction from his superior and got off the Titanic just before the tragic demise of the great ship and many of her passengers. The story goes that Fr Browne always carried with him the telegram, thanks to which he became a Titanic survivor. In the middle of sermons he would often take out the telegram, wave it around for the congregation to see and say, 'This the proof! This is the proof that *holy obedience* can save a man's life!'

Incidentally, Fr Browne was an amateur photographer and an excellent one at that. He took numerous photos which have subsequently become the only surviving photos of the Titanic from her last days. According to the presenter who himself is a Jesuit and therefore has some inside knowledge, the photos of Fr Browne were inherited by the Jesuits in Ireland. When James Cameron the filmmaker embarked on the project of making 'Titanic' - the now famous movie starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio - he bought the rights to use the photos at a price over \$4m. It seems that the benefits of holy obedience can be far reaching indeed, sailing across history...and even across bank accounts! - Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 4 December</b> 2nd Sunday Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 5 November</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 6 November</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 7 November</b> St Ambrose	7am Mass
<b>Thu 8 December</b> Immaculate Conception	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 9 December</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 10 December</b>	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4.15- 4.45pm Reconciliation 5pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 11 December</b> 3rd Sunday Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass 4.30pm Parish Christmas Carols 5.15pm Christmas Party

### Recently Deceased

Colin Fisher (Archbishop Anthony's father), Isabel Shai-Hee, 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, Elena Mura,

### Rosary Statue

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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!*

### Prayer Group

"Invitation to pray the Rosary together on Saturday 10 December at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Praying for your intentions and the intentions of our community. After also, welcome to join to read the Bible together, for friendly discussion and to do a reflection on third week of Advent. God bless"



### Last Weekend 27 November 2022

**2nd Collection \$1350.05**

1st Collection	\$364.60
Cashless Giving	\$350

### Attendance

5PM	111
8.30AM	115
10AM	~000
<b>Total</b>	<b>226?</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)

### ***Thanksgiving Mass for Auxiliary Bishop Terence Brady***

Everyone is welcome to honour Bishop Brady following his recent retirement after almost 40 years of service as a religious, priest and finally Bishop.

**Friday 9 December 7pm**

St Mary's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant:

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

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.

### ***An Advent Prayer***

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for  
Christmas.

We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear  
your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things, look forward  
to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the  
complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking  
the Light.

To you we say,

'Come Lord Jesus!'

Amen.

*Henry J. M. Nouwen*

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.



### ***Piety Stall- Pyjamas and Slippers***

We have been very kindly given some pyjama tops and shorts, mainly suitable for females, and also some glittery slippers in size 38. If you are interested, please come to the piety stall. No payment is required.  
Thank you.

## First Reading Is 11:1-10

*He judges the poor with justice.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.  
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.  
The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together  
with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7**

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)
4. May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

*Christ, the hope of all people.*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths:**

**all people shall see the salvation of God.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 3:1-12

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings are like Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. The biblical authors sketch profiles of individuals after whom we can model our lives as we embark on our pilgrimage to eschatological fulfilment. Isaiah depicts the righteous messianic king; Paul provides us with a glimpse of Jesus, the one who ministers to all; and Matthew describes John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared for the Advent of Christ.

The gifts Isaiah attributes to the messianic king are the same gifts that we receive with the anointing of the Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. The image of the messianic king may have been fulfilled in Jesus, but it is also offered to us as a model after which we can pattern our lives.

Paul declares that Christ came for all. Just as the Canterbury tales describe pilgrims of all backgrounds and characters, so our companions on the pilgrimage come from diverse circumstances. Since the invitation was extended to all, we are expected to welcome all. Some of Chaucer's characters were quite unpleasant, but they were part of the group. Many of the people to whom Jesus ministered were quite unpleasant, but this did not deter him. His example is set before us today.

John the Baptist lived a life of radical self-denial, but he did not require this of others. He preached repentance or change of heart, not a rejection of the circumstances of life. He called for a return to righteousness, to relationships rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned presumption and arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility, disinterest in the welfare of others.

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