



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 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

The return of the collection plates from February 2023



This is an issue I have been reluctant to address for quite a while but I believe that the time has come. Almost all of our pre-corona liturgical practices have returned, with just a few exceptions, one of which is that we are still using the two stationary boxes instead of collection plates which are passed around, as used to be the custom, virtually “forever.” All other parishes seem to have brought back their collection plates. So, why not here at Regina Coeli?

To be honest with you, what I was fond of were not so much the stationary boxes themselves as the fact that collection plates were no longer being passed around. I remember one person remarking in 2020 how much she appreciated the fact that, whilst in prayer during Mass, she was neither distracted nor disrupted by the traffic of collection plates. This left an impression on me and, for the sake of prayerfulness, I have been reluctant to bring back the collection plates ever since.

Furthermore, I was also fond of the fact that the nature of financial giving at Regina Coeli might've seemed *unambiguously voluntary*: ‘Please don't feel obliged; instead, please give if and only if you have arrived at the decision to do so freely and happily, without the pressure of collection plates or watchful eyes, etc.’ In an ideal world, there would be no need for collection plates (no need for financial giving itself!); however, an ideal world does not exist on this side of paradise.

So, here are the main reasons for the return of the collection plates:

- * There have been directives from the Archdiocese stating that collection plates are to be used instead of stationary boxes. I guess the consensus is that the former tend to be significantly more effective than the latter.
- * A number of parishioners have said to me that the collection plates ought to be reintroduced. I believe these tend to be faithful givers who also feel that the responsibility for financial support of the parish ought to be shared more than just among a faithful minority.
- * Perhaps there is even some courtesy in bringing the collection plates to the people, instead of making them approach the middle of the church, where it might be crowded, before or after mass. Some might be happy to give but not enough to undertake such trouble at times.
- * Finally, blessed though the parish has been by so much generous giving over the years, it is also true that our current income level is on the low side. One only has to look around the church to see that some major works of maintenance will be required in the near-distant future.

I wish to clarify one thing: the works of building and renovation happening at the school are entirely funded by Sydney Catholic Schools (and the government) and do not reflect in any way the finances of the parish - if we were that wealthy, trust me, I think I would have told you! Nevertheless, my intention at present is to raise awareness, not alarm, as well as to say, ‘Thank you!’ - Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 22 January 3rd Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 23 January	No Mass
Tue 24 January St Francis de Sales	9.15am Mass 10:30am Funeral Mass for Maria Bila
Wed 25 January Conversion of Paul	7.00am Mass 11am Funeral Mass for Bridget Costello
Thu 26 January Australia Day	9.15am Mass
Fri 27 January	9.15am Mass 9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation
Sat 28 January St Thomas Aquinas	4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 29 January 4th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Cardinal George Pell, Maria Bila, Bridget Costello, John McCoy, June Coyle, Veronica Kellert, Francis Law, Therese Foster, Noel Smith, Paolo Melia, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft

In Loving Memory

Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Ronald Xureb, Paul Gatt, Kathleen Coleman, Peter Pezzutti, Mari Zapata, Donato Canevale, Salvatore Russo, 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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Following are the stats regarding the works done by the Regina Coeli Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society for the calendar year 2022:



NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2022	93
NO OF CLIENT VISITS 2021	88
INCREASE/DECREASE	5

CONFERENCE COSTS IN SERVICING CLIENTS

FOOD CARDS	\$9160
WHITE GOODS/ FURN.	1934
MEDICAL	2584
OTHER	460
TOTAL	\$14138

*AVERAGE COST IN SERVICING CLIENTS:
\$152.00 PER VISIT*

VOUCHERS ISSUED FOR CLOTHING / FURNITURE / supplied by Vinnies Stores.

Assistance provided was higher than last year which was expected due to rising cost of living.

Conference members also participate in the following activity: 3 clothing drives last year 1 cancelled Feb drive due to concerns with Covid.

The Men's Conference always welcome new members to enable us to ensure we continue our work well into the future. The amount of time spent is left up to the individual, any help large or small is always appreciated. We meet every **fortnight** on a **Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre**. Next meeting 1st February.

No particular skills are required just a willingness to help those in need within our Parish area, training is provided by our Conference.

For further information please contact Paul Morris (President) Mobile 0438 225 120.

MONTHLY ROSARY

The First Friday of the Month Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on 3rd February at 11.00am.



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&
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Last Weekend 15 January 2023

2nd Collection	\$1586.20
1st Collection	\$574.70
Cashless Giving	\$110

Attendance

5PM	98
8.30AM	116
10AM	~135
Total	~349

High Tea for Seniors

When: Saturday 11th February 2023 from 11:30am to 3pm
Where: The Gardens on Forest
Cost: \$20

If interested please contact the parish office or Fr Peter.



A Prayer Group meeting will be on Saturday the 28th of January at 3pm at the Regina Coeli Parish centre. Pray together the Rosary for our families, parish and world. If you wish join to read the bible and have some discussions about faith, especially what the path to knowing and following Jesus looks like. All are welcome.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!

The Crawford Family moved from St Joan of Arc Haberfield, to Cooloongatta Road in July 1969. Since then, have been active members of the Regina Coeli Parish Church and School. On 19th January 1973 Robert Francis Chipman married Elizabeth Helen, during Nuptial Mass here at Regina Coeli, celebrating with family and friends. They have been blessed with good health, a loving family, and are grateful to parishioners, those gone before and present for their support during their marriage.



Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell 2 February

If you're unable to attend the Funeral Mass, there will also be other opportunities to pay our respects to our late Archbishop, George Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral:

Thursday 2 February

6:45am Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

11:00am Pontifical Requiem Mass (Cathedral Doors open from 9:00am)

Gabbies Sewing Angels from St Gabriel's Bexley

extend an invitation to all parishioners, male and female to visit our wonderful group on Thursdays from 9am to 3pm Thursday's. The group has existed for 22 years and in that time has made and distributed thousands of goods with love to those in need through Australia and the third world. Come and visit us, you may like to join as a volunteer or maybe donate unwanted sewing items i.e Cotton material, wool etc. We will have a stall at Senior's Expo at Rockdale Town on the 4th February if that is of interest to you. **Contact Pat on 0421 771 868 for more information.**



First Reading Is 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of
Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From

what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom**

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 4:12-17

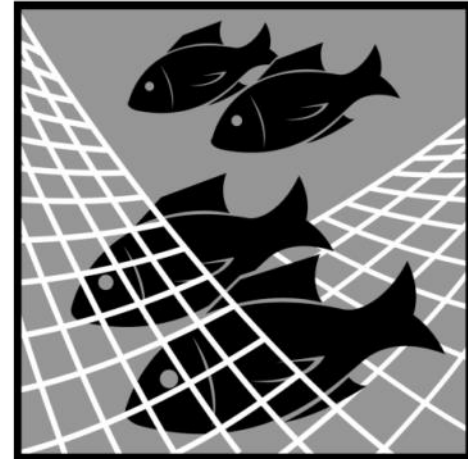
(or longer form Mt 4:12-23)

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.

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