



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 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



Is Australia a great country? The answer would be a resounding 'yes'! I imagine that the vast majority of Australians, myself included, would say that there is no place they would rather be. As for the rest of the world, I imagine that a comfortable majority would put down Australia as one of their top preferences, say, if they had to move to another country. There is no shortage of reasons for Aussies to be grateful. The potential for Australia to become a formidable force for good in the world is as vast as the land itself.

But there is another side to Australia which is as ominous as a smouldering fire in the middle of an immense bush, thick with layers of dead vegetation. Where to start? Although Australia is founded upon values and systems of governance which have been shaped by a long history of Christianity - not without arduous struggles and refinements - the actual practice of Christian faith has been increasingly drought-like for decades. For example, without the more recent immigrants, even the Church in Sydney might not fare too much better than those in country dioceses where the metaphorical drought can be felt more viscerally.

Recently I was shocked to learn from a well-informed friend that Australia now has one of the *worst laws in the whole world* when it comes to, for example, abortion and euthanasia. Yes, the same Australia which had the most costly lockdowns, supposedly, out of concern for *human life* also has the most insidious views on it. Our laws are scandalously bad even by comparison to those in the US, which is generally considered to be about a decade ahead of Australia when it comes to "progress," including in the direction of self-destruction. This is just the tip of the iceberg and most of us are probably oblivious to how exactly a great country is being seriously undermined from beneath the surface.

How can Australia as a country be so enviable and yet so horrifyingly troubled at the same time? It seems to me that how the greatness of a country arises is threefold: it can be naturally endowed, inherited (from previous generations) or earned (by current generations). Contemporary Australia might be strong on the first two scores but most probably not on the third, a fact of which ought to wake us up from slumber and serve as a severe warning against complacency, especially for the sake of our children and the children's children.

The remedy against the decline of a great country might also be threefold: firstly, be grateful for the greatness which has been naturally endowed or inherited from the forebears who made noble sacrifices; secondly, humbly acknowledge the weaknesses in the current state of affairs without being distracted by the flatterers or other manipulators of our time; finally, look up and allow the centrality of Christian ethos to be reclaimed once again. Hopefully, Australia will become renowned for its 'down-under' quality, by which I mean *humility*, which would allow a transcendent vision of humanity to be inspired on this great land!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 29 January 4th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 30 January	No Mass
Tue 31 January St John Bosco	9.15am Mass
Wed 1 February	7.00am Mass
Thu 2 February Presentation	9.15am Mass
Fri 3 February	9.15am Mass 9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation
Sat 4 February	4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 5 February 5th 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 & Steven Xureb, Paul Gatt, Kathleen Coleman, Peter Pezzutti, Mari Zapata, Donato Carnevale, 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: Phillip Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Alida Clemente, Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kenney, 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 Comp-

Rosary Statue

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Clothing Drive



St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2023

Please note the next Clothing Drive is on Saturday 4th February.

FEB	4
MAY	6
AUGUST	5
NOVEMBER	4

Please place bags outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection in a place where they can be seen from the street. This will help our collectors which will be most appreciated.

For those not on the collection list but have clothing to donate on a one-of basis it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop the donated items at the Parish School on collection day between 8:00am & 8:30am.

If you wish to be added to the collection list please call Paul Morris (President) on 0438 225 120.

Thank you for your continuing support of our clothing drives it is greatly appreciated.



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.



Last Weekend 22 January 2023

2nd Collection	\$1145.70
1st Collection	\$614.25
Cashless Giving	\$200

Attendance

5PM	101
8.30AM	112
10AM	~125
Total	~338

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.



COLLECTION PLATES FROM FEBRUARY 2023



1st collection:
after the homily



2nd collection:
after the prayers of the faithful

Positions Vacant – Catholic Jobs Online

Deputy Executive Director – National Catholic Education Commission – Sydney

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/deputy-executive-director-national-catholic-education-commission-sydney-nsw/>

Youth Minister/Co-ordinator – Parish of St Catherine Labouré, Gympie

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/gympie-nsw-full-time-part-time-permanent-youth-minister-co-ordinator/>

Executive Manager – Strategic Initiatives – Sisters of Mercy Parramatta

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/executive-manager-strategic-initiatives-parramatta-nsw/>

Pontifical Requiem Mass for the late George Cardinal Pell 2 February

Wednesday 1 February

9:30am Reception of the Body and Commencement of Lying in State

1:10pm A Mass for the Dead

5:30pm Evening Prayer and Vigil

8:00pm A Mass for the Dead

Thursday 2 February

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 Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when
you were called: how many of you were
wise in the ordinary sense of the word,
how many were influential people, or came
from noble families? No, it was to shame
the wise that God chose what is foolish
by human reckoning, and to shame what
is strong that he chose what is weak by
human reckoning; those whom the world

thinks common and contemptible are the
ones that God has chosen – those who
are nothing at all to show up those who are
everything. The human race has nothing to
boast about to God, but you, God has made
members of Christ Jesus and by God's
doing he has become our wisdom, and our
virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom.
As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast,
let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his
disciples. Then he began to speak. This is
what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their
heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for
what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you
and persecute you and speak all kinds
of calumny against you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

To follow Jesus does not mean
merely that one travels with him from
place to place. It means that one
learns from him, that one follows his
manner of life and his way of
thinking. To follow Jesus means to
follow his example in the way he
respects himself and other people, in
his use of the things of the natural
world. It means that one listens to
what he says, and asks for an
explanation when what he says is not
understood. All of this requires that
the disciple be a learner, one who
can learn from the life of Jesus as
well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples
must learn are found in the
beatitudes. The same lessons are
placed before us, the modern-day
disciples. The setting of Jesus'
teaching is so serene; a mountain
apart, a teacher with his disciples
gathered around him, simple
statements that are coupled with
glorious rewards. However, the reality
of the lessons is in stark contrast with
this tranquil scene. These beatitudes,
these blessings call for profound
inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of
person the disciple is to become; the
psalm sketches the program to which
the learner is called. The disciples of
Jesus are not merely his followers;
they also continue the work that he
began. In whatever circumstance of
life we find ourselves, as disciples of
Jesus we work to sustain the good
that is in the world and to transform
whatever needs transformation.

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