



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 February 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

Sorry, I clearly remember now that collections used to take place at the offertory and then after holy communion. There was a time when collections were done differently at Regina Coeli but that was a long time ago. So, let's return to the latest pre-corona practice which would also seem to make more logistical sense. Thank you!



Last week I got to watch a live comedy show, at the courtesy of a kind parishioner who obtained for me a few tickets. I was excited more about the novelty of such an experience than about the comedy itself, the content of which was found to be, shall we say, not recommendable, definitely not for ladies! Come to think of it, there was probably not a single joke which might be appropriate for me to share with you. Nevertheless, it was a valuable experience to be among the capacity crowd of 15,000, all of whom had congregated for some professional hilarity.

Traditionally speaking, stand-up comedies are performed in underground comedy clubs which, according to the comedians themselves, are the ideal place for their performance, due to the sense of intimacy which can be created in such tightly-held, enclosed spaces. Intimacy is conducive to the formation of communion - a communion of intellect and emotion - among both performers and audiences, who begin to think and feel alike even at the level of subtlety. Such communions seem capable of enriching every human experience!

This particular comedy show, however, was going to be different by virtue of its grand scale. The huge arena had for me the effect of replacing the sense of intimacy with that of anonymity. I often unsure about whether to follow the performers via direct sight or to watch them on the gigantic screens above the stage. I also started to wonder from the outset, 'Would the comedy show itself really be funny enough to captivate an audience of 15,000 for over a few hours? Or would the audience, who were seriously invested in having a great time, speaking both financially and emotionally, laugh and cheer all too readily?' Needless to say, my verdict leaned toward the latter rather than the former.

The most memorable part of the night for me came toward the end when the show finally concluded and there were torrents of people racing to go home, as though they had been either secretly bored or in desperate need to get home for work the next morning. What amazed me was the sight of so many *young people* who, in my line of work, tend to be a rare species. My guess is that the biggest demographic were those in their late 20s and early 30s who were not yet married. I could not help but wonder: Were they in search of some great happiness which kept eluding them, especially as cynicism started to set in with age? Coming to an overrated comedy show at no small cost, what were they looking for? A song came to mind: *Tell me something...Are you happy in this modern world? Or do you need more? Is there something else you're searching for?* But I suppose that they could have just as easily asked me, 'What are you doing here?'

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 12 February 6th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 13 February	No Mass
Tue 14 February Sts Cyril/Methodius	9.15am Mass with school
Wed 15 February	7.00am Mass 10.30am Rosary for Pauline Patti 11am Funeral Mass
Thu 16 February	9.15am Mass
Fri 17 February	9.15am Mass 9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation
Sat 18 February	4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 19 February 7th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Pauline Patti, 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

Anna Maria Cicuto, Tony Tesoriero, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Ronald & Steven Xureb, Bob Henderson, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Dennis McNerney, Peter Phillips, 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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PLAY GROUP

CRAWLERS TO PRE-KINDY



9am - 10:30am

Thursday morning

16th February - 6th April 2023



Regina Coeli
Parish Hall
(opposite the church)
Ponyara Road,
Beverly Hills

- Gold coin donation for tea / coffee
- Bring a snack & water

Contact - Family Educator :

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First Reconciliation Program 2023

First Reconciliation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Thursday 30 March. Parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Three or above are invited to enrol their child in the Parish based First Reconciliation Program. The Information and Enrolment letter is available on parish website, or you may contact the parish office for more details. Thank you.



COLLECTION PLATES
FROM FEBRUARY 2023



1st collection:
at Offertory

2nd collection:

after Holy Communion



Last Weekend
5 February 2023

2nd Collection \$1611.15

1st Collection \$1329.50

Cashless Giving \$85

Attendance

5PM	123
8.30AM	103
10AM	~155
Total	~381



A parishioner has recently turned 89 and this is what happened at her birthday celebration. But first we need to reminisce about her own mother who used to be affectionately called 'nonna' by the whole family. When surrounded by her loved ones on special occasions the mother was known to remark, 'I've made all this!' Now, back to our parishioner who has just turned 89:

When she herself became a grandmother she preferred to be called 'nonne' instead of 'nonna' so as not to be confused with her mother who was still the matriarch of the family. She has remained 'nonne' ever since. So, on her 89th birthday, with the whole family gathered around her, one of the grandchildren came up to her and said, 'Nonne, you've *made* all this!' To which our parishioner replied, 'No. I have been *blessed* with all this!'

Upon having shared this story with me she then recited, off by heart, the following prayer:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I have asked you for so many favours but I plead for this one. Take it and place it in your open broken heart. When the eternal Father sees it covered with the mantle of your Precious Blood He cannot refuse it. It is not my prayer but yours.

Happy Birthday, M., we look forward to your 90th!

Catechists Needed

Presently, in our parish 7 catechists teach 108 children (2022 figures) in two local primary schools. We attend Beverly Hills North Public School on Wednesday mornings and Narwee Public School on Thursday mornings. The lessons run for thirty minutes. The curriculum, lesson plans and student activity books are provided. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) also runs necessary courses to prepare and assist us with our teaching.



We are particularly in need of catechists this year. If you have a little time and are interested in becoming a catechist or a catechist helper, please speak to Fr. Peter, Elizabeth Gooley (Catechist Coordinator), or contact the Parish office. Also, if you have a WWC check, you are most welcome to attend and observe a class with another catechist to see if this ministry may be for you! Thank you.

Enrolment for Year 7 in 2025 at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove

If you are a Catholic Family that regularly worship in this Parish and intend seeking enrolment for your daughter into Year 7 2025 at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove, please contact the Enrolment team on 9502 3300 Option 2 for enrolments or by email; enrolments@stursulakingsgrove.catholic.edu.au to obtain an enrolment pack.

If you have already registered or your daughter is already enrolled in one of the Catholic Primary Schools (e.g. Regina Coeli) you DO NOT need to register your interest as you will be contacted by the College over the next few weeks.

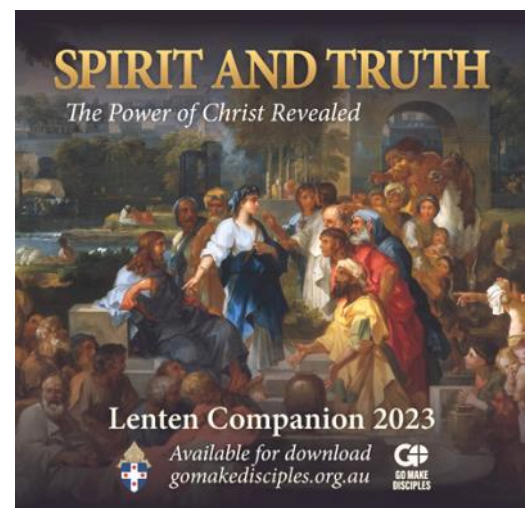
Lenten Companion 2023*

The beautiful Season of Lent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to reflect on the

Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, using the Lenten companion *SPIRIT AND TRUTH: The Power of Christ Revealed*. This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Sister Joanna Marie Collins OP, Daniel Ang, Fr Lewi Barakat, Mat De Sousa, Anna Harrison, Elizabeth Flynn MCR and Bishop Richard Umbers. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available in parishes and online

at www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

**Some hardcopies will soon be distributed at the parish*



First Reading Eccl 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord

of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37 (or longer form Mt 5:17-37)

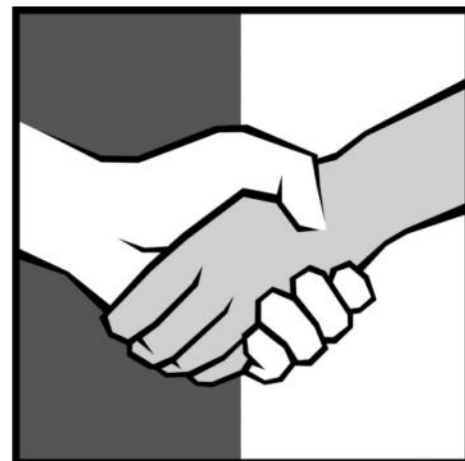
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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