



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 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

So, Lent begins, again, with Ash Wednesday this week. As usual, Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 7am, 9:15am and 7pm. But there is going to be at least one thing new about Lent at Regina Coeli this year, as result of good timing or even providence! Two things happened recently. Firstly, I talked to a few parishioners who agreed that more could be done to encourage the practice of prayer in the parish community. We thought we could help to provide an opportunity for quality prayer and that Lent might be the perfect time for doing so. Secondly, I got to meet, through the new Family Educator (Elly), a group of faith-filled young people who often socialized by praying together, especially through music. They offered to provide music if we were to put on a prayerful event at Regina Coeli. The timing seemed superb and so this was an offer I couldn't refuse! **So, on Friday, starting from 7pm, the first of these nights of prayer will take place at Regina Coeli. I hope to see many of you there!**



A rainbow appeared during the week, at Mass actually, in the first reading from the book of Genesis, as the culmination of the story of Noah. At first there was a radical cleansing by the flood which continued for forty days and forty nights. And then there was a fresh start for humanity, which occasion was marked by a covenant with God, with a divinely inspired rainbow as the sign of the covenant. God spoke of shared responsibility: if one person is harmed then all others will share in the responsibility because, after all, 'in the image of God man was made.' (Genesis 9:6) Then God said to Noah, 'As for you, be fruitful, multiply, teem over the earth and be lord of it.' In other words, no one wants human beings to flourish more than the Creator!



Rainbow signs have been multiplying throughout Sydney, especially in the city. By and large we know what these rainbows stand for: a certain activism which says that human beings ought to be free to do with their sexuality whatever they want - virtually nothing is off limits, that is, nothing except to disagree with the view espoused by the activism. Putting aside for the moment the fact that the view itself seems to be ever-changing and therefore confusing, there is, at least for me, one central question: *Does it even work?* Because nothing would be more convincing for a movement than for its participants to flourish, becoming happier, kinder and more truly human! But something tells me that the 'convincing by flourishing' approach isn't really working, hence the reason why the activism is becoming increasingly aggressive and coercive.

Perhaps what is urgently needed is for the biblical meaning of the rainbow to be reclaimed, as a reminder to all that the best environment in which human beings truly flourish is in the context of the covenant with God! - Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 19 February 7th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass w. BBQ
Mon 20 February	No Mass
Tue 21 February	9.15am Mass
Wed 22 February Ash Wednesday	7.00am Mass 9.15am Mass with Years 3-6 10.20 Liturgy with K - Year 3 7pm Mass
Thu 23 February	9.15am Mass
Fri 24 February	9.15am Mass 7pm Night of Prayer 9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation
Sat 25 February	4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 26 February 1st Sunday of Lent	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

Domenico Tripodi, Anna Maria Cicuto, Tony Tesoriero, Maria Addollorata 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: Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, 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

Mrs. J. Lui
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Enter a prayerful spirit of Lent as we prepare for Easter

February 24 FRIDAY

Night of Prayer

"Stay awake with me."

Join us for an intimate time of prayer with Jesus in the Eucharist.

Eucharistic Adoration begins at 7pm with a short reflection by Fr Peter leading into personal prayer time, accompanied by gentle meditative live music. Holy Hour will continue for ~90 min but you are free to come and leave anytime as it suits you. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

Light refreshments will be available in the Church Courtyard from 6:30 pm.

For more details on the event, scan the QR code on the bottom right of the page. Registration is highly recommended but optional. For inquiries, please contact erazzoli@outlook.com

24 FEB 2023 (FRI) • 6:30PM ONWARDS
REGINA COELI MEMORIAL CHURCH
70 PONYARA RD, BEVERLY HILLS NSW 2209

SCAN TO RSVP

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

Parish Secretary
TBC
9554 8155
Tues 11am-4pm
&
Fri 11am-4pm

Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO
Mrs Elizabeth Gooley
9554 8155
reginasacramental@gmail.com
Tuesday & Friday from
10.30am - 3.30pm

School Principal
Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch

REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 12 February 2023

2nd Collection	\$1453.45
1st Collection	\$969.15
Cashless Giving	\$285

Attendance

5PM	124
8.30AM	113
10AM	~145
Total	~371

Exceptrs from the Words of Remembrance for Pauline Patti



Paolina Patti or as affectionately known as Pauline or Auntie Pauline was born on 25 January 1926 in Licodia Eubea, Catania Sicily. Daughter to Vincenzo and Sebastiana Patti...At two years of age Pauline had a stroke and was diagnosed with polio that clamped her left hand and left her with a significant limp...Pauline did not see herself as disabled. She was a very headstrong, determined lady who time and again would go against the odds to attain and achieve many things that many said she couldn't or shouldn't, like a driver's licence...In addition to her love of driving and the freedom that gave her, Pauline loved playing lawn bowls and had me out there a few times where she taught me the virtue of patience every time I bowled the ball in the opposite direction of its target. In her spare time, Pauline also selflessly volunteered, spending time visiting and giving social support to the elderly...Pauline's last determination was to make it to 100 years of age and get a letter from the Queen. On one of her recent birthdays where mum bought her a cake and said happy birthday, Pauline's reply was "but I'm not 100 yet!".

- Written by Anthony Patti -

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.



HIGH TEA FOR SENIORS



First Reading Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The

Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast of in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

At times it seems we have rewritten the 'Golden Rule' to say: Do unto others before they can do unto you! In saying this we are not encouraging each other to do good, but to be defensive. Jesus tells us to go the extra mile, turn the other cheek, outdo ourselves in generosity and rise above the fray. He is not suggesting that we allow ourselves to be abused, but that we not perpetuate the antagonism out of which the mistreatment arose. He is not advocating passivity, but he is saying that we should not retaliate. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today's reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm. This is indeed a radical teaching.