



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
5 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

*This weekend we celebrate Catechist Sunday. At this time, we pray for the Catholic children, and their families, who attend our State Schools. We also remember the deceased and retired catechists who generously gave of their time over the many years.*

*Presently, in our parish 8 catechists teach approximately 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 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. Thank you.*

**- Elizabeth Gooley -**

The parish of Regina Coeli, especially our children at state schools, are very blessed to have a number of catechists who do great works and unassumingly so. But we could always do with more of them! I wish to encourage anyone who believes that the Christian faith is true, beneficial (salvific!) and therefore worth sharing with others, to please consider becoming a catechist. One does not have to be an expert to begin with. As a matter of fact, the best way to learn, they say, is to have to teach! I imagine that the journey of a catechist is ever-creative, delightfully relational and highly rewarding in nature.

The majority of our catechists at present are mothers - not just any mothers but mothers who still have children at school. This particular fact has always pleasantly surprised me because, after all, aren't the plates of school mothers already quite full? Why not wait at least until the children have grown up? I suspect there might be two reasons for the bravery of school-mother-catechists: firstly because they are, as it were, "experts" at the peak of their powers when it comes to raising children; secondly because they, in their motherly hearts, cannot help but feel compassion for the children in state schools who might be missing out on faith education almost entirely, and therefore are moved by love!

Here are a few words from Pope Francis:

*...Therefore, the most profound lesson which we are called to transmit, and the most certain way to get out of doubt, is the love of God with which we have been loved (cf. 1 Jn 4:10). A great love, free and given to us forever. God never goes back on his love! He always moves forward and waits: he forever gives us love, from which we must feel the steadfast responsibility to be witnesses, offering mercy to our brothers and sisters.*

**- Fr Peter -**

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 5 February</b> 5th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 6 February</b> Japanese Martyrs	No Mass
<b>Tue 7 February</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 8 February</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 9 February</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 10 February</b> St Scholastica	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 11 February</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30- 9:55am Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm Reconciliation
	5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 12 February</b> 6th 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

Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Ronald & Steven Xureb, Peter Pezzutti, Mari Zapata, Donato Carnevale, Mary & Bernie Crawford, David Brown, James & June Roebuck, Bob Henderson, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

### Please remember those who are in ill

**health especially:** 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. Henderson**  
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&  
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10.30am - 3.30pm

**School Principal**  
Mr Chris Egan  
Asst. Principal  
Mr Peter Busch  
  
**REC**  
Mrs Elizabeth  
Webster

## 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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## Seasons of Renewal – Lent and Easter:

### How to evangelise throughout the year

Join the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation's Parish Renewal Team online to explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during Lent and Easter so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Christ can give. All welcome!

Tuesday 7 February, 10 – 11 am and 7:30-8:30pm

Register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

### COLLECTION PLATES FROM FEBRUARY 2023



1st collection:  
after the homily



2nd collection:  
after the prayers of the faithful

### Last Weekend 29 January 2023

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1868.90</b>
1st Collection	\$712.90
Cashless Giving	\$140

### Attendance

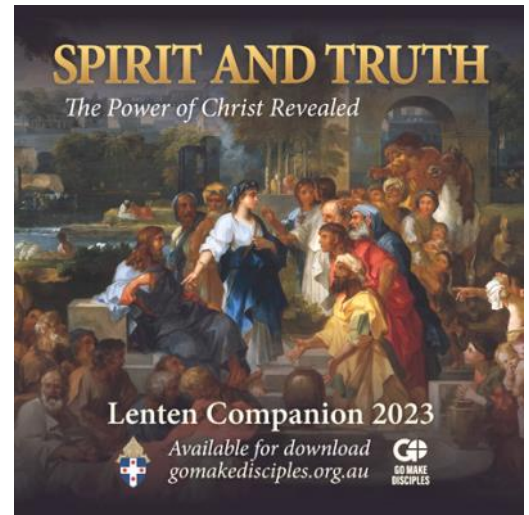
5PM	91
8.30AM	108
10AM	~160
<b>Total</b>	<b>~359</b>



## 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](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).

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



### Excerpts from the words of remembrance for Cardinal George Pell by Tony Abbot, former prime minister of Australia

*This funeral is less a sad farewell to a great friend and more a joyous tribute to a great hero. It's the celebration of a wonderful life, a once-in-a-generation gathering of the people of faith to re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals George Pell lived for and to draw strength from each other for the struggles ahead.*

*He was a priest, a bishop, and the prefect of a Vatican Secretariat, but he was never a mere functionary. In each of these roles he was a thinker, a leader, a Christian warrior, and a proud Australian who wanted our country, and our civilisation to succeed.*

*In the pulpit, from the lectern, on TV, in the opinion pages, across the dinner table, after Mass, in the confession – as everyone here would know – he was always thoughtful, often charismatic, occasionally imperious, constantly concerned for the well-being of others, and a pastoral priest, who could find an echo of Christ even in the worst sinner.*

*...To the smug, to the venal, to the lazy, to the wayward, and to the intellectually sloppy, he was an existential reproach and because that's all of us, in some way, it's hardly surprising that he became a target.*

*For all his presence and his natural authority, he was personally humble and never fell for the modern conceit that he was bigger than that which had shaped him: faith, church and country.*

*...He was made a scapegoat for the Church itself. He should never have been investigated in the absence of a complaint. He should never have been charged in the absence of corroborating evidence. And he should never have been convicted in the absence of a plausible case – as the High Court so resoundingly made plain*

*...His greatest triumph, in fact, was not to have held the highest ecclesiastical offices of any Australian but to have kept his faith in circumstances which must have screamed: "my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me". Not to succumb to anger, self-pity or despair – when almost any other human would – and instead to have accepted this modern-day crucifixion, walking humbly in the footsteps of Our Lord. That's the heroic virtue that makes him, to my mind, a saint for our times.*

*...If character means, to "trust yourself when all men doubt you, but make allowance for their doubting too"; if it means, bearing "to hear the truth you've spoken twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools", George Pell was the greatest man I've ever known. And if faith means the ability to endure crushing adversity, no one could be a better advertisement for it – especially with those of us, for whom it often remains tantalisingly out of reach. As a centurion in the Gospel said, "Lord I believe, help my unbelief."*



**First Reading Is 58:7-10**

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for  
the upright.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour (R.)
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5**

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mt 5:13-16**

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.