



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

### The Ascension of the Lord 21 May 2023

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY BEVERLY HILLS CONFERENCE WINTER APPEAL 2023

**We will be conducting our Winter Appeal over two weekends May 20/21 handing out of envelopes at each door & May 27/28 collecting at each door. Donations \$2 & over are tax deductible please tick the box on the envelope indicating you would like a tax receipt.**

This is the only appeal we make each year with winter fast approaching it is a time when we are called on to provide increased assistance as people start to struggle even more with the ever-increasing cost of living. People with families find it particularly hard going but the same can be said for single folks on low incomes. Often these people just manage in normal times but when they need to provide for something out of the ordinary it is our Conference that comes to their rescue to provide them with the help they need to keep their heads above water.

In 2022 we made 93 visits assisting around 300 persons at a cost of \$14138 with an average cost of \$152 per visit the average cost being much higher than last year. This has only been achieved due to the generous Parishioners of Regina Coeli Parish without your ongoing support we would not be in a position financially to provide the same level of support that we do currently. There are families & individuals within our Parish who in an effort to keep up with the increasing cost of living deprive themselves of food & spend winter nights without adequate heating. Just for a minute place yourselves in that position, perhaps there are Parishioners who have experienced hardship, without support life for them becomes a burden & they often feel isolated & abandoned but fortunately our Conference is there to help once again thanks to your generous support.

Our aim is to provide initial help, & often ongoing support depending on the circumstances, to relieve their hardship & follow up with guidance and encouragement to help them control their own destiny. Let us give you an example of our work to provide an insight into what we do & can achieve.

You may remember last year we spoke of Wendy, not her real name, a single mother with four children living in our Parish Area. We told you how she was rushed to hospital with a major problem & spent time in a coma in intensive care her life was in the balance for some weeks. Wendy appeared to be on the road to recovery & was looking forward to going home. She did finally return home after nearly 4 months in hospital but required substantial assistance. Her bed was inadequate for her needs & she could not afford the type of bed required so our Conference provided a brand-new top-quality bed that suited her needs. Her reply was "awesome" she was so grateful she had never before had a bed of that quality. Unfortunately, she had to return to hospital on several other occasions but is now doing well at home. We continued to provide support throughout 2022 then came Christmas. A few weeks prior to Christmas Wendy was in tears as she had no money for gifts for the children we gave extra support so Wendy & the family could have a good Christmas.

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### 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



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 21 May</b> Ascension	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 22 May</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 23 May</b>	9.15am Mass with Year 6
<b>Wed 24 May</b> Our Lady Help of Christians	7.00am Mass 9.15am Mass with school
<b>Thu 25 May</b>	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation with 3W
<b>Fri 26 May</b> St Philip Neri	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 27 May</b>	9.00am Mass 9.30-9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 28 May</b> Pentecost	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 2.30pm Confirmation Mass

### Recently Deceased

Sr Denise Daly OSU, Stefano Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, Grazia Campagna, Eddie Da Silva, Mary Navan, Gerardina Civitarese, Pauline Patti, Maria Bila, John McCoy, June Coyle, Veronica Kellert, Francis Law, Therese Foster.

### In Loving Memory

Gail Moore, Peter Peters Frank Capra, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, Thomas Ruj, Ugo Buracchi, Maria Debono, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Bob Henderson.

### Please remember those who are in ill

**health especially:** Lucy Blundell, Peter Raju, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Peter Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, 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.

### Rosary Statue

**Mr. & Mrs. R. Sahr**  
8 Stoddart St.  
Ph: 0421 306 411



**Sr Denise Daly OSU** who used to work at St Ursula's College has passed away last Friday. Her funeral is to be held next Tuesday 23 May at 10.30am in Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove.



The first stage of school building work has ended and the next stage, which consists of renovating all of the old buildings, is about to commence. This means that parking between the church and school will be impacted for the next 12 months or so. Thank you for your patient understanding.

## WALK WITH CHRIST

WWW.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WALKWITHCHRIST

2023

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

**FESTIVAL:**  
Martin Place from 1:00PM

**PROCESSION:**  
Begins at 2:30PM sharp.  
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St



**Parish Secretary**  
TBC  
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&  
Fri 11am-4pm

**Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO**  
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10.30am - 3.30pm

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

### Last Weekend 14 May 2023

**2nd Collection \$1443.65**

1st Collection \$1008.60

Cashless Giving \$275

### Attendance

5PM	71
8.30AM	120
10AM	~200
<b>Total</b>	<b>~391</b>



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A couple of days before Christmas Wendy's fridge failed she could not afford even a second-hand fridge, so we were able to provide an almost new fridge her reply was again "awesome" she said she had never had such a good fridge. We last assisted her early in the year with school clothing for the four children.

Your generosity enables our Conference to support individuals & families at a very difficult time in their lives....to give a hand up when it is needed most. Any amount large or small is greatly appreciated. Funds raised are used to help those in our Parish area as well as other areas where there is need.

**Our St Vincent de Paul Beverly Hills Conference desperately needs new members with enthusiasm & new ideas to continue our good works. The amount of time spent is up to the individual. For further information please contact our President Paul Morris on 0438 225 120.**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

- Members of Beverly Hills Men's Conference -

## First Friday Monthly Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at the new time of 10.00am.** All welcome!



## Youth Group Term 2 Dates!

27th May  
10th June  
24th June (Outing)



**Don't forget to RSVP to**  
[rcyg77@gmail.com](mailto:rcyg77@gmail.com) **for catering purposes!**

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Donate at: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or complete the parish envelope at Mass today.

Your tax deductible gift can change lives. Thank you!



*Hell consists in man's being unwilling to receive anything, in his desire to be self-sufficient. It is the expression of enclosure in one's own being alone...Hell is wanting only to be oneself; what happens when man barricades himself up in himself..."Heaven" is by nature what one has not made oneself and cannot make oneself...an unowed gift added over and above nature. As fulfilled love, heaven can always only be granted to man; but hell is the loneliness of the man who will not accept it, who declines the status of beggar and withdraws into himself.*

**Joseph Ratzinger in**  
***Introduction to Christianity.***

## Evangelium Forum: Lumen Gentium and Synodality

What can this landmark Vatican II document teach us in our contemporary Church today?

Guest Speaker: Rev Prof Gerard Kelly, Lecturer, Catholic Institute of Sydney

**Sunday 28 May** (Pentecost Sunday)

12 noon-1:30pm (including Q and A)

St Peter's Parish Hall

235 Devonshire St, Surry Hills

(50 metres from Surry Hills light rail stop)

Free Talk

## Positions Vacant – Catholic Jobs Online

Deputy Principal – Loreto Kirribilli - Korn Ferry

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/kirribilli-nsw-full-time-deputy-principal-loreto-kirribilli/>

College Counsellor - St Patrick's College, Strathfield

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/college-counsellor-strathfield-nsw-2/>

Learning Support Officer (Numeracy) – St Scholastica's College, Glebe

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/full-time-fixed-term-supply-or-maternity-cover-temporary-term-time-fixed-term-learning-support-officer-numeracy/>

## First Reading Acts 1:1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6**

*(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go and teach all people my gospel.*

*I am with you always, until the end  
of the world.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 28:16-20

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.