



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 July 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

***Jesus said to the disciples, 'Beware of false prophets who come to you disguised as sheep but underneath are ravenous wolves. You will be able to tell them by their fruits.'* (Matthew 7:15-16)**

This statement from Jesus might worry us at least a little bit, but why? In spite of our good intentions, as well as what we thought were the right choices which have shaped us into who we are today, we still know that bad fruits continue to be produced in our lives. There is also a whole bundle of fruit, which is currently being produced, whose goodness or badness we are not quite sure about. Therefore, if we were to be judged by our fruits, then, there might be enough guilty verdicts to warrant concern! The immense pressure to produce good fruit, out of sheer fear, would be sure to crush us and leave us defeated in the end.

But perhaps there is another way to think about what it means to produce good fruit. After all, *who* can produce good fruit? Given the fact that God has created us for communion with Him and with one another, would it be possible, even in principle, for us to produce good and lasting fruit *independently of God*? Of course not. As a matter of fact, every time we thought that we could do this on our own, we would be deluding ourselves, dissimulating goodness underneath narcissistic desires, thereby turning into false prophets who come disguised as sheep but underneath are ravenous wolves.

The Old Testament figure of Samson features in the Book of Judges. He was born of a barren woman when the ever-unfaithful people of Israel had been ruled by the Philistines for forty years. He was raised to be a conduit of God's strength against those who thought themselves powerful and needed to be humbled. But there was a condition upon which Samson's identity and mission hinged: 'No razor shall come upon his head.' (Judges 13:5) The cutting of his hair would represent the cutting of his communion with God, as a result of which he would become a mere shadow of who he truly was.

Under duress from one who knew how to torment him from within, namely, a woman, Samson eventually gave away his secret - the source of his strength which was his communion with God, symbolised by the seven locks of uncut hair. Once he became compromised, in conscience, as well as in hairstyle, Samson lost not only his strength but also his dignity. He who used to humiliate the powerful now became the most humiliated. Nevertheless, God had not abandoned Samson and actually desired reconnection or reconciliation with him. And so 'the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaved...' (Judges 16:22)

Only the Holy Spirit can produce in us and through us good and lasting fruit. Therefore the only way in which we can avoid the tragedy of turning into false prophets (or conquered slaves) is by returning to the basics and rebuilding, by re-connecting to the Holy Spirit as a matter of utmost priority and not allowing the source of our strength to become comprised. When Samson regained his humility before God and learned to pray again, he came back, quite literally, with vengeance. Analogously, we can say that, when we learn the art of treasuring that upon which our identity and mission hinges, namely, faith, then, regardless of who we are or where we have been, the best is yet to come!

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 2 July 13th Sunday OT | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 3 July St Thomas | No Mass |
| Tue 4 July | 9.15am Mass |
| Wed 5 July | 7.00am Mass |
| Thu 6 July | 9.15am Mass |
| Fri 7 July | 9.15am Mass 10.00am Rosary |
| Sat 8 July | 9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass |
| Sun 9 July 14th Sunday OT | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

SAVE THE DATE

Parish Dinner

Friday 6:30pm for 7pm start

AUGUST | 18 | 2023

@Club Central,
Hurstville

\$50 per adult, \$20 per child




**We are in search of entertainers and contributions toward lucky door prizes!*

Recently Deceased

Peter Phillips, Mary Ghosn, Quintino Atzeni, Betty McInerney, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, Grazia Campagna, Pauline Patti, John McCoy, June Coyle, Francis Law

In Loving Memory

Fouad Attia, Francesca & Salvatore Cocilov, Santo Ilardo, Jeanette Cardoz, Vincenzo Carnuccio, Gail Moore, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Lucy Blundell, Peter Raju, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Pat Mortimer, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Mr TD (Terry) Wall.

There are **3 ways** to make a booking:

1. Kindly **fill in the form** (available at the door) and return your form with cash **ASAPOR no later than 30 July 2023**. We will start **collecting forms and cash payment from 1st July 2023 after Weekend Masses only** (after Saturday 5pm Mass and after Sunday 8.30am and 10am Mass)
2. **Visit the Parish Office** Tuesday and Fridays **only** from 11am to 3pm, forms and cash payments will be collected by Elizabeth Gooley.
3. **Book Online**

If you would like to book your tickets online instead, please scan the QR code or visit the website
<https://www.trybooking.com/CJJKI>



Please note: All Visa/Mastercard, Paypal, Google Pay and Apple Pay bookings must be done online. In person bookings are Cash only.

Rosary Statue

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REC
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Last Weekend 25 June 2023

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| 2nd Collection | \$2151.45 |
| 1st Collection | \$956.05 |
| Cashless Giving | \$235 |

Attendance

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| 5PM | 160 |
| 8.30AM | 84 |
| 10AM | ~165 |
| Total | ~409 |



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

The Beverly Hills St Vincent de Paul Conference wish to advise the Winter Appeal final amount raised is \$8459.80 This is a magnificent achievement and we wish to thank our most generous Parishioners & the Regina Coeli School for making this possible. The school contributed \$1001 in cash plus 4 car loads of donated food which they delivered to our Regional Centre at Bankstown for distribution to the needy. We can never thank enough our loyal Parishioners who continue to support our Conference which enables us to continue to provide support to those in need.

A few words from Fr Peter:

Paul Morris has just finished his term as President of the men's conference of St Vincent de Paul Society at Regina Coeli. Apparently, he accepted the challenge of presidency after only 12 months as an active member. I believe that the longtime members of Vinnies at the time were totally right to see in Paul more than sufficient qualities for leading the conference. He has served faithfully as President over the past 8 years. Please join me in thanking him and praying for him as he enters a new chapter in his life.

On a slightly different note, there is now a female member in the men's conference of St Vincent de Paul Society at Regina Coeli. Incidentally, the women's conference of St Vincent de Paul Society at Regina Coeli are in the process of collectively retiring. Therefore a name change has been made and there is now only the Beverly Hills conference of St Vincent de Paul Society, to which both men and women are welcome. Brian and Kate, who are husband and wife, will be leading the conference at Regina Coeli, with the help of a veteran - John Sydes - who will continue as Treasurer.

First Friday Monthly Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on **Friday 6th July at the new time of 10.00am.** All welcome!



The annual **Holy Father's Appeal** is on this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes spearheaded by Pope Francis, and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we humbly ask you to give what you can. Give today at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal, phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.



July in the Piety Stall

"The Scriptures; A Little Introduction", by Ross Naylor. \$2 per copy.

This short book (132 pages) will guide you through the Bible with good hearted seriousness. When we read the bible, basically we aren't trying to interpret the Bible – we are trying to interpret **life** with the help of the Bible. Why not pick up a copy from the piety stall, and enjoy a guided journey through the scriptures. There are also some pre-loved copies of the Bible for sale, in case you don't have one to hand.

The Piety stall is operated on a voluntary roster basis after all weekend masses. A good range of religious books, medals and memorabilia is always available, especially for Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If any parishioners are interested in helping on a regular basis, please come and speak to us or contact the parish secretary.



THE SCRIPTURES
A LITTLE
INTRODUCTION

Ross Naylor

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by

the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 10:37-42

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.