



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 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



As of Saturday morning, 108 people have confirmed (booked and paid) for the parish dinner. I am personally aware that about 50 others are definitely coming and are all but confirmed. There are also those who, I imagine, are planning to attend but their movement is yet to be detected. So, it looks like the initial goal of reaching 200 attendees for the parish dinner might still be a possibility. The venue has kindly given us an extra week before we need to contractually commit to a minimum number. So, if interested, please confirm your booking and encourage others to do the same. 3 singers and at least 2 groups of dancers have been lined up for some great entertainment. A dozen lucky door prizes and more await you! - Fr Peter -

This weekend we celebrate the 3rd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

Here are some excerpts from **MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY:**

God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences. Yet, above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly or to push them to the margins of life, as tragically happens all too often in our time... The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment.

Mary's visit to Elizabeth and their shared awareness that the Lord's mercy is from generation to generation remind us that, alone, we cannot move forward, much less save ourselves, and that God's presence and activity are always part of something greater, the history of a people.

To better appreciate God's way of acting, let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to keep pressing forward.

For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!

From the elderly we received the gift of belonging to God's holy people. The Church, as well as society, needs them, for they entrust to the present the past that is needed to build the future. Let us honour them, neither depriving ourselves of their company nor depriving them of ours. May we never allow the elderly to be cast aside!

- Pope Francis -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 23 July 16th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 24 July	No Mass
Tue 25 July St James	9.15am Mass with Yrs 4&5
Wed 26 July Sts Joachim & Anne	7.00am Mass 9.00am Adoration with Yrs 2&4
Thu 27 July	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation 6B
Fri 28 July	9.15am Mass
Sat 29 July Martha, Mary, Lazarus	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 30 July 17th 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

Geoffrey Connolly, Derek de Voss, Peter Phillips, Mary Ghosn, Quintino Atzeni, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, John McCoy, June Coyle, Francis Law

In Loving Memory

Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa Succar, Emile Succar, Giovanni Battato, Assia & Damia Dagher, Anna Cicuto, Donato Carnevale, Maria Ferraro, Elizabeth Dang Thi Tuyet, Fouad Attia, Jeanette Cardoz, 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 **ASAP (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>



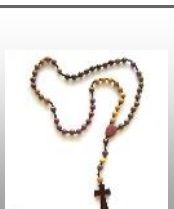
Please note: All Visa/Mastercard, Paypal, Google Pay and Apple Pay bookings must be done online. In person bookings are Cash only.

*Contact: For more information or queries please contact Carmel or Mia
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Please let us know if you need transport!

Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 16 July 2023

2nd Collection	\$1360.35
1st Collection	\$853.20
Cashless Giving	\$315

Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	?
10AM	~145
Total	?

With much regret after 12 years as President I am stepping down from the St Vincent de Paul Ladies Conference. We were the only Ladies Conference in the Archdiocese of Sydney. It was formed well over 50 years ago when Pat Smith, June Flood and Joan Byrne decided to form a group to look after the sick and needy of the parish. It grew from there to about 20 ladies and back then they had cake stalls and book sales to raise funds. Two of the ladies that were there from the start have been there right up until now, namely, Gloria Langridge and Joy Vincent who have been President, Secretary and Treasurer on more than one occasion.

We owe a great deal to all who have given of their time and put so much effort into making it such a huge success. The sick were visited in their homes or in hospital and the needy were well taken care of. We will still collect at Christmas time with our wishing well to help the men hand out vouchers to the needy and Christmas presents for their children. If any lady is interested in becoming a member they can join up with the men making it a combined men's and ladies' conference. Thank you.

- Anne Kensey -



Regina Coeli's St Vincent de Paul Ladies Conference (2008)

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.

Excerpts from the Words of Remembrance for Geoff Connolly by Vanessa Connolly (youngest daughter)

Geoff Connolly was a great man, loving husband & partner in life of 50 plus years, caring father and father in law and a doting grandfather. His and mums love story was one for the ages and mum supported him greatly in the years since he got sick. Mum, I know that Dad loved you dearly and was thankful he'd picked the right one. Someone to stick by him in sickness and in health.



Those that knew Dad, know that he had more than his fair share of health problems. One of the things I will most remember is Dad's courage and strength to keep pushing through every challenge thrown at him. I remember when he had his quintuple bypass on his heart in 2016 (that's 5 bypasses as dad never did things by half) he told me that he would get through this. This was not what was going to get him. And despite his heart stopping twice, he was right...The main comment about Dad that I've heard from those who morn him is that he was a gentle man. I can attest to this. He was a kind, thoughtful man and fiercely protective of his loved ones. He didn't have a multitude of friendships but those he had ran deep and most were lifelong.

Dad's passing leaves a giant hole in our hearts but we find solace in his gentle passing, the time we had to say goodbye and knowledge that he joins his parents, sister and parents in law in heaven. I can only imagine the party when he arrived...A trooper to the very end. Gone but never forgotten. I am very proud to have been his daughter and grateful for the time I got to spend with him. Farewell Dad. We love you more than we can say. Thank you for your kindness, sense of humour, love and support. Our lives were so much richer for you being in them. In the immortal words of Michael Nesmith of the monkees (and from one of Dad's favourite songs): 'I have no more than I did before but now I've got all that I need. For I love you and I know you love me.'

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R.)*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. *(R.)*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind 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 13:24-43
(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)**

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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