



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 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 this weekend 189 people have confirmed (booked and paid) for the parish dinner. I know that the school wants to book a table for the staff and at least one other family wants to do the same, not to mention smaller groups who also intend to come. Therefore it looks like we will comfortably have more than 200 people at the parish dinner. We are requesting the allowance of one extra week before confirming the final numbers. So, please confirm your booking if you have not done so already; I am confident that you won't regret it!

Revisiting the 60 years of our church of Regina Coeli, here are a few of the stories which came to my attention:

One of the most notable changes to have occurred in our church was probably the relocation of the statue of Our Lady. According to a parishioner, the life-sized statue had been brought all the way from Italy! So, why the relocation? Some think that concerns about the Protestant mockery toward the prominence of Mary in Catholicism had something to do with it. Others recall the story of how Cardinal Pell once visited the parish and, in the middle of his homily, turned and tried to point to the crucifix, only to find Our Lady, and no crucifix, at the centre of the sanctuary. Apparently, a great meeting was once held to explain the rationale of the relocation but, even to this day, puzzlement still remains for some.

Another change had to do with the relocation of the flags. Yes, our church has been built as a war memorial church, a fact of which has been deemphasised, even forgotten, over the years, undoubtedly, due to the relocation of the flags to some extent. Was this the intended outcome? If so, was it reasonable? In *A Short History of Regina Coeli Parish* Jim Kane wrote, 'The Australian and American flags hang in the sanctuary, and their installation did not pass without comment. There were dark suspicions of Protestant infiltration, with confident predictions that a new parish priest would soon have the flags down. This has not happened, and the flags are now more of a conversation piece than a source of scandal.'

Another change which occurred had to do with the ambo (where the Word of God is proclaimed from, a.k.a. lectern) which used to be made of marble and then was replaced by a wooden structure. A parishioner told me the story of how one time she visited the Anglican Cathedral in Canberra and noticed a bronze eagle there. So she was genuinely surprised when, only a few weeks later, a similar eagle suddenly appeared at the ambo in the church of Regina Coeli! Where did the eagle come from? Were we becoming "anglicanised"? Of course, she later learned that, apart from being the emblem of the US, the eagle also carried plenty of symbolism in Christianity, especially in relation to St John whose power of theological perception soared like an eagle! Nevertheless, a few parishioners have requested, 'No more eagles! No alarms and no surprises, please!'

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 30 July 17th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 31 July St Ignatius Loyola	No Mass
Tue 1 August St Alphonsus	9.15am Mass
Wed 2 August	7.00am Mass 11.00am Funeral Mass for Kim May
Thu 3 August St Dominic	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation 6G
Fri 4 August St John Vianney	9.15am Mass
Sat 5 August	9.00am Mass 9.30-9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass
Sun 6 August Transfiguration	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Kim May, Anne Kellert, Geoffrey Connolly, Derek de Voss, Peter Phillips, Mary Ghosn, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, Maria Basile, John McCoy, June Coyle

In Loving Memory

Mark Alexander, Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa Succar, Emile Succar, Giovanni Battiato, Assia & Damia Dagher, Donato Carnevale, 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.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs G Chater
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SAVE THE DATE

Parish Dinner

Friday 6:30pm for 7pm start

AUGUST | 18 | 2023

 **REGINA COELI** @Club Central,
Hurstville



\$50 per adult, \$20 per child

Contact: For more information or queries please contact Carmel or Mia

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



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Last Weekend 23 July 2023

2nd Collection	\$1724.65
1st Collection	\$1133.50
Cashless Giving	\$410

Attendance

5PM	130
8.30AM	106
10AM	~165
Total	~401

St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2023

Please note the next Clothing Drive is on Saturday 5th August.

AUGUST 5
NOVEMBER 4



Please place bags outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection in a place where they can be seen from the street. This will help our collectors which will be most appreciated.

For those not on the collection list but have clothing to donate on a one-of basis it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop the donated items at the Parish School on collection day between 8:00am & 8:30am.

If you wish to be added to the collection list please email Brian Wall (President) at Brian.wall@vinnies.org.au

Thank you for your continuing support of our clothing drives it is greatly appreciated.

KEVIN WEEKS

Our Dad was born on 29th July 1923. So as a family we are praying for him on the 100th anniversary of his birth. We thank God for giving us such a kind and gentle husband and father. He was a Parishioner at Regina Coeli from 1957 until his death in 1993, and an excellent example of Christian manhood.



Excerpts from Words of Remembrance for Derek Michael William de Voss

Derek Michael William de Voss was born on 26th November 1939, Durban South Africa. Husband to Rhona for 63 years, father to Colleen, Debbie, Miranda, and Brenda, grandfather to 11 grandchildren, and great-grandfather to 6 great-grandchildren. At the age of 13, Dad started playing football (soccer) for a team called Railway at Hoy Park. Dad went on to play professional soccer for a club called Addington. This was one of the highlight moments in his life being selected to play for a professional team.

Dad was a man that loved his music, taught all his daughters how to dance, and fully enjoyed the experience. Music brought Dad much joy. We would often hear the music blaring as we were walking home from school. Back in the day, he was known for his love of dancing and at functions would randomly grab someone to dance with, including all his sisters-in-law. In the early years of growing up, our house was a revolving door. We never really knew who would come knocking because Dad had either found a friend on the street, or on his travels who he felt sorry because he had a big heart and always wanted to help someone.

Dad and family lived in the city of Durban and when the eldest 2 children entered high school the family moved to a coastal town named Sezela until they completed high school. The family moved back to the city and later it was decided to immigrate to Australia. At this time Mum's parents and siblings had already left for Australia and so we made the big trek to Australia in 1981. In our early 20s, we would come home in the wee hours of the morning after a big night out and most of the time Dad would be up willing to make us breakfast. He was all about enjoying your life, which we all did so well. He truly loved his wife and his girls of which he was very proud.

Dad, you will forever be in our hearts, and your music will always put a smile on our faces and bring a tear to our eyes. You made us laugh, cry, and get annoyed, but above all, you showed us how to be independent women. We thank you so much for that. You will be forever missed and loved.

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. *(R.)*
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. *(R.)*
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. *(R.)*
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to

become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

(or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realize that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfillment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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