



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9 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



What I am about to write is NOT for the faint-hearted, as it centres on the issue of child trafficking and more. 'Sound of freedom' is a movie which has just been released and is based on a true story. Tim Ballard started out as a CIA agent but, after 9/11, joined the Department of Homeland Security where he was eventually assigned to the special division which dealt with child sex crimes. During 12 years of service he worked undercover to prosecute US citizens involved in crimes against children, including those who indulged in child-sex-tourism overseas. But the trouble was that, during his investigations, as soon as the cases no longer pertained to US citizens, he would be ordered to walk away, even when the victims were within the reach of his help. So, he courageously quit his government career and founded a private organisation - 'Operation Underground Railroad' - dedicated to rescuing victims of child sex crimes around the world.

Over 6 million children are estimated to be enslaved or trafficked for the purpose sex, labour or organ-harvesting. As we know, the internet, especially since the pandemic, has greatly facilitated the satisfaction of shallow desires for instant gratification. Unfortunately, the same has been true regarding the satisfaction of depraved sexual desires. The past several years have seen a 5000% increase (yes, that's a fifty-fold increase!) in the production and consumption of pornography involving children. Activities of such nature make up the fastest growing criminal trade in the world, almost equalling the financial magnitude of the drug trade. But abundance of supply implies abundance of demand. Who are the myriads of consumers responsible for the existence of millions of abused children? The US has consistently been the no.1 consumer in the diabolic market of commodified children. If so, then, who else has been a big consumer and how has this impacted upon the whole culture, especially those aspects which target our children?

What else is confounding about all this is the fact that the issue of child trafficking, whilst horrible beyond comprehension and astoundingly prevalent, is rarely talked about, for the same reason that most Australians probably have not heard about the movie 'Sound of freedom,' at least not yet. What explains the deafening silence on what is one of the greatest scandals in human history? No one becomes a child-abuser overnight. First come the thousands of small transgressions, all of which the perpetrators justify and then normalise by way of self-deception, such that even when the unthinkable transgression is committed they are ready and willing to excuse themselves. In other words, they have blinded their own conscience. But what are the thousands of lies our society has told itself, to the point of blinding its own conscience, such that even when the most heart-wrenching truth cries out to be heard, our society is ready and willing to turn a deaf ear?

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## The Week Ahead

Sun 9 July 14th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 10 July	No Mass
Tue 11 July St Benedict	9.15am Mass
Wed 12 July	7.00am Mass <b>10.00am Funeral Mass for Peter Phillips</b>
Thu 13 July	9.15am Mass
Fri 14 July	9.15am Mass
Sat 15 July St Bonaventure	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation  4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 16 July 15th 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 John McCoy, June Coyle, Francis Law

### In Loving Memory

Maria Ferraro, Elizabeth Dang Thi Tuyet, 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 **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**

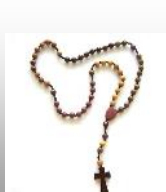
If you would like to book your tickets online instead, please scan the QR code or visit the website  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CJJKI>



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

### Rosary Statue

**Mr & Mrs B Yang**  
**27 Bungalow Rd**  
**Ph: 0422386168**



**Contact:** For more information or queries please contact Carmel or Mia  
[rcparishdinner@gmail.com](mailto:rcparishdinner@gmail.com) or  
0418 251 947/0420 932 036

**Please let us know if you need transport!**

**Parish Secretary**  
TBC  
9554 8155  
Tues 11am-4pm  
&  
Fri 11am-4pm

**Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO**  
Mrs Elizabeth Gooley  
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Tuesday & Friday from  
10.30am - 3.30pm

**School Principal**  
Mr Chris Egan  
Asst. Principal  
Mr Peter Busch  
  
**REC**  
Ms Lisa Scott

Last Weekend 2 July 2023	
<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1458.90</b>
1st Collection	\$1199.60
Cashless Giving	\$300

Attendance	
5PM	120
8.30AM	107
10AM	~160
<b>Total</b>	<b>~387</b>



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Tim Ballard, in the early years of working for the government, did not want to have to deal with child sex crimes, for fear of possibly bringing the utter darkness of such work into his own home, where a beautiful wife and young children awaited him. But the wife - another true hero in the story - explained to him that the reason why he did not want the role was precisely why he should accept it: for the sake of the innocent and vulnerable children who were no less precious than their own! After all, the superiors had chosen him *for* being a Christian, wisely aware that, without faith, such work would be soul-crushing. When Tim was again tempted to choose comfort/security over doing what was right, his wife said to him, 'You're not going to jeopardise my salvation by leaving those children and then coming home!' After this, Tim himself never looked back, learning along the way that the only way he could bear the weight of fighting child trafficking was by giving the burden to a higher power - Jesus who said, 'my yoke is easy, my burden light' - to whom he would subject himself like a little child.

If a compromised conscience can become a conduit of evil, including evil of the most monstrous kind, then, the converse is also true: a cleansed and therefore courageous conscience can bring heaven down to earth, such that hearts and minds become transformed and the sound of freedom resounds in our world! - Fr Peter -

### **WINTER APPEAL RECEIPTS**

**Winter Appeal Receipts for those who requested a receipt are now available at the Ponyara Road entrance to the Church. The St Vincent de Paul Beverly Hills Men's Conference would like to thank our loyal supporters for their generosity in supporting our Winter Appeal. The amount raised is \$8459.80 a wonderful effort during somewhat difficult times. Your generosity will go a long way in providing the means for us to continue supporting those struggling within our parish Area.**

### **Taxation Receipts**

Thank you for your steadfast support. If you would like a receipt for last financial year's giving, please contact the parish office. The receipt may be emailed to you, or posted to your home address. Please note there is no longer any tax deductibility for Planned Giving. Tax deduction receipts are only available for CWF, Priest's Retirement Fund, and Caritas.

### **Newly refurbished apartments for over 70s**

In fulfillment of Saint Scalabrini's mission to support elderly migrants, Scalabrini Villages is releasing 33 apartments, designed specifically to provide low-cost rental accommodation for the Bayside and broader South Sydney elderly community.

The studio apartments are self-contained (each about 29 square metres), with a bedroom area, small kitchen, bathroom with shower and open plan living space. Residents will also be free to join activities and events at our adjacent aged care facility, helping to build community, alleviate loneliness and increase social interaction.

**The weekly charge would be just \$185, inclusive of water and electricity.**

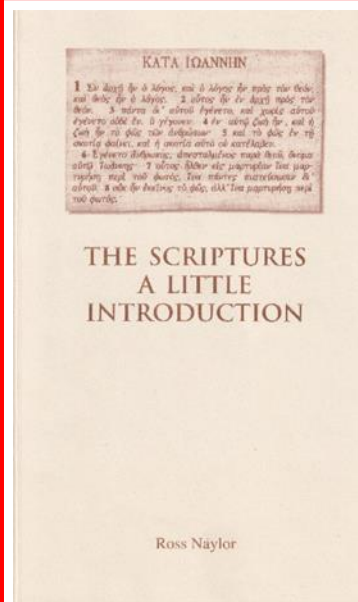
**For more information please contact the parish office**

### **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 heart-ed 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.**



**First Reading Zec 9:9-10**

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1**

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.**

**or**

**(R.). Alleluia!**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of  
compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed  
down. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13**

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body,  
you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual,  
but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of  
God has made his home in you. In fact,  
unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ  
you would not belong to him, and if the  
Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the  
dead is living in you, then he who raised  
Jesus from the dead will give life to your  
own mortal bodies through his Spirit  
living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no  
necessity for us to obey our unspiritual  
selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you  
do live in that way, you are doomed to  
die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to  
the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**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 11:25-30**

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding  
these things from the learned and the  
clever and revealing them to mere  
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it  
pleased you to do. Everything has been  
entrusted to me by my Father; and no  
one knows the Son except the Father,  
just as no one knows the Father except  
the Son and those to whom the Son  
chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are  
overburdened, and I will give you rest.  
Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls. Yes,  
my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The readings for today engage us in a  
reflection on the nature of the Trinity,  
as well as the ways that we are  
enriched by each of the divine  
Persons. The gospel acknowledges  
the sovereignty of God. This is  
followed immediately by mention of  
the handing over of all things to  
Jesus, making him a kind of vice-  
regent of God. Paul speaks of the  
Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but  
different from Jesus and the one  
called God. According to Paul, this  
Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the  
Spirit of God, implying that somehow  
both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It  
is this Spirit who raised Jesus from  
the dead, and it is this same Spirit  
who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches  
our lives in some ways that are  
tangible and other ways that demand  
faith. The most tangible  
manifestation of God is Jesus himself.  
God has been revealed to us through  
this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible  
person, our accepting of him as the  
manifestation of God requires faith,  
and this faith is no easier today than  
it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these  
readings is humility. Jesus, the  
human manifestation of the divine, is  
meek and humble, and the true  
disciple is called to be humble. A  
second disposition is placed before  
us – grateful praise. In the psalm we  
praise and bless God; we extol God's  
holy name. In Jesus we have known  
the tender touch of God, and we are  
grateful.