



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**20 August 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



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There are too many stories to share regarding *Parish Dinner 2023*. Besides, I am in a rush to get ready for the weekend after a huge event and a late night on Friday! So, here is, as it were, "Part One."

**How is started.** It always seemed like something ought to be done for the parish feast of Regina Coeli. But nothing much happened for the past four years, that is, nothing much apart from my public expressions of hope that something could happen in the near-distant future. Well, Carmel responded to the call when, one day, we were chatting and she did not shy away from the topic, as though, in her mind, she had already said yes! We started to look around, decided that Club Hurstville might be our best option and paid the deposit upon booking a date. The ball had been rolled and there was no turning back!

**Why a parish dinner?** A tradition has been developing at Regina Coeli whereby two large parties are held every year - one at Christmas and another around Pentecost. Of course, the feast of Regina Coeli falls roughly in the middle of these two - in August - while the weather can still be quite cold. So how could we try something different - something a little more cosy - which, unlike the other two parties, isn't so exposed to weather conditions and reliant on an army of volunteers? The answer, it seemed, was a semi-formal dinner, with professional catering.

**A surprise addition to the team.** Carmel and I always knew that we would need more people on the team, but how many and who? Mostly I was just waiting, vaguely hoping for a good solution to emerge. Then, one day after Mass, Mia said hello to me as she was leaving the church. With a great amount of spontaneity I asked her, 'Would you like to be part of the organising committee for the parish dinner?' She smiled and said yes! This was one of those moments when spontaneity made sense as though it was destiny. To say that Mia's contribution turned out to be a game-changer would be an understatement!

**Lucky door prizes** were a surprisingly touching aspect of the parish dinner. One family wasted no time in responding to the request and donating several, still-boxed items. A parishioner donated a few thoughtful gifts, evidently wanting others to enjoy the parish dinner, even though she herself could not come! Another parishioner obtained a bundle of shop vouchers whose value added up to \$1400! A mystery person offered to cover the ticket cost for an elderly couple. Another mystery person paid for a round of drinks for everyone. The most valuable prize might have been the offer of free handyman work for 3-4 hours. In total there were 30 lucky door prizes which took a while just to be drawn & distributed!

**Speech.** There was meant to be one, to be given by me. A recent chat with a non-parishioner provided me with an idea for the speech. Another chat with a married couple in the parish inspired another idea for how to complete the speech and perfectly so! I hope to share the content of the speech soon. Suffice it to say, how the speech came together was one of the many ways in which things seemed to fall into places, as though by inspiration and providence, in the lead-up to the dinner!

- Fr Peter -

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 20 August</b> 20th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 21 August</b> St Pius X	No Mass
<b>Tue 22 August</b> Regina Coeli	9.15am <b>Outdoor Mass @ school</b>
<b>Wed 23 August</b>	7.00am Mass 10:00am <b>Funeral Mass for Margherita Barbelli</b>
<b>Thu 24 August</b> St Bartholomew	9.15am Mass 9.50am Mass
<b>Fri 25 August</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 26 August</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30-9:55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 27 August</b> 21st Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am <b>Family Mass</b>

### Recently Deceased

Patricia Johnson, Margherita Barbelli, Kim May, 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

### In Loving Memory

Myriam Barbe, Mark Alexander, Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa Succar, Emile Succar, Giovanni Battiato, 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**  
**39 Glendale Ave.**  
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## First Holy Communion Program 2023

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on the weekends of 9/10 & 16/17 September. Parents of children in Year Three or above, who have made their First Reconciliation, are invited to enrol their child in the program. The lessons are to commence on Thursday 17 August at 5.00pm *or* 6.30pm in the church. The Information and Enrolment letter has been sent home through the Parish school and State schools. Thank you.



**WEDNESDAY**

**Option A:**  
Dinner & movie for \$30  
5:30pm  
@Beverly Hills Hotel

**RSVP by Friday 25 August**

**30 AUGUST**

**Option B:**  
Movie only for \$15  
6:30pm  
@Beverly Hills Cinema

A movie night for Father's Day is being organized by a group of fathers at Regina Coeli.

**When:** Wednesday 30 August 2023

**Where:** Beverly Hills Hotel (if with dinner at 5:30pm) or Beverly Hills Cinema (if movie only at 6:30pm)

The movie of choice will be 'Sound of Freedom' - a record-breaking, powerful and well-crafted movie, which will be even better when watched together. There will be opportunities for fellowship with other fathers both before and after the movie. Please RSVP by Friday 25 August. You can do so by scanning the barcode. Payments can be made in cash on the day. Hope to see you there!

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### Last Weekend 13 August 2023

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1293.40</b>
1st Collection	\$841.60
Cashless Giving	\$1180

### Attendance

5PM	107
8.30AM	114
10AM	~170
<b>Total</b>	<b>~391</b>



**Blessed Virgin Mary, Regina Coeli - By humble servant of God: Josephine Bridge. 25th May 2023 -**

Jeremiah 3:16; 2 Maccabees 2:4-8; Isaiah 7:14; Revelation 11:19; 12:1:12:17

**MARY**, Mother of God, with exquisite wholesome beauty, now **Regina Coeli**.

Virgin most pure, Immaculate Conception, and God's most holy.

"A virgin will be with child", God's Holy Word, tells us the story.

Filled with awe, I ponder, on this prophecy, never before heard in history.

Pray, like your complete trust and surrender, your Fiat, your cooperation,

I too might cooperate, in God's loving Plan, thus to continue His saving operation.

Through you was born the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

Now man can make his way, to the promised eternal bliss - to God be all praise!!

Church Fathers, so aptly have named you, in their view,

As the Ark of the Covenant of God, this Ark is the New.

This Ark too, carried THE High Priest, THE Word,

THE Bread Come down from heaven, now is daily shared.

You're clothed with the sun, moon under your feet, and crown of twelve stars.

We, your children, love, honour, venerate, and call you Blessed,

Fulfilling the prophecy, in your Magnificat, two thousand over years ago.

We desire to imitate thy profound humility, total obedience to God, and also,

Divine purity, heroic patience, lively faith, and more.

All of these spiritual virtues, pray Mother Mary, we may imitate and grow.

You always have reiterated, the gospel truths, as paramount importance,

And bid us to follow, all of God's commandments,

Saying, "do whatever HE tells you."

In book of Revelation, it reads, "...the woman's children,

Are those who keep the commandments of God..."

Your Magnificat, teaches us that we your children, like you,

Ought to sing, our own thanks and praise to God, in my view.

O Most Gracious Virgin, when Jesus was young, tender and mild,

You initiated, his first walk, talk and all else, while,

Was there again, to initiate his first miracle.

At the foot of the cross, a sword pierced your very soul, O the pain!!

While Son hung in pain, to remove sin that has stuck to us like stain.

Be there for us too, when we take our spiritual steps, and strive,

Guide us to fulfil God's plan for us, even as you did, in your life.

In the power of your intercession, we wholeheartedly rely much,

For no other Woman in the courts of heaven, possess power such.

Deeply etched in my mind are testimonies, my devout parents had shared,

Of your love, life saving miracles and many answered prayers.

The **Rosary**, and **meditation on the mysteries**, **weapon** around our neck,

Continue to be our armour, sword and shield, the help we always seek.



## OREMUS

FOUNDATIONS IN PRAYER

*Strengthen your faith in Christ.*

YOUR PRAYER LIFE, AND YOUR CONFIDENCE TO PRAY WITH OTHERS.

FOUNDATIONS OF PRAYER | WED 6 SEPT  
PRAYING WITHIN THE  
CATHOLIC TRADITION | WED 13 SEPT  
PRAYING WITH OTHERS | WED 20 SEPT

LIVE ONLINE 3 WEEK SESSIONS 7-8pm  
SEPTEMBER 6-13-20



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## Oremus: Online Prayer Series

Strengthen your faith in Christ, your prayer life, and your confidence to pray with others. Join us online for this 3-week series on the Foundations of Prayer:

**When:** Wednesdays 6, 13 and 20 September 2023

**Time:** 7:30 – 8:45 pm.

**Cost:** Free

Optional in-person retreat to follow on Saturday, 28 October, at St Martha's Leichhardt, 10 am – 4 pm, \$28.50 (+booking fees).

Register for either or both opportunities at

[www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).

**First Reading** **Is 56:1.6-7**

*I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4**

**(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.  
(R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

**Second Reading** **Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**

*The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the

mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Mt 4:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom**

**and healed all who were sick.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** **Mt 15:21-28**

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



**Reflection** *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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