



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 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



One of the things mentioned at *Parish Dinner 2023* was the fact that Chris Egan, our school principal, will be moving to St John Bosco Primary School, Engadine, at the end of the year. The selection process for a new principal at Regina Coeli is currently underway. Please pray that a suitable candidate be found for this important role. Something else mentioned at the parish dinner was the fact that Fr Paul Hilder, a former parish priest of Regina Coeli, is retiring from active ministry and plans to move back into Beverly Hills, thereby becoming a member of our community once again! Please pray for a smooth transition for Fr Paul. Here is "Part Two" of the stories surrounding Parish Dinner 2023:

Performances. I was not exaggerating when I said, in the lead-up to the parish dinner, that what had been improving remarkably was not just the final number (285 people!) but also the program itself. The first recruit was a young girl - a natural performer - who agreed to dance. Then her mother also agreed, after some convincing, to surprise everyone by joining the daughter in the second part of the dance. Another girl in the parish, whose impressive busking I had unexpectedly witnessed once in the city, agreed to sing. Another singer was found - someone who is on her way to a career in musical theatre - when her grandparents offered to bring her to the parish dinner. Two sisters - one of them only in kindergarten - agreed to do a dance together. What I did not know, however, was how elegant, even acrobatic, their dance was going to be! A mother and son from the 10am choir also agreed to put on a show - the former on vocals and the latter on guitar!

All these performances turned out to be even better than expected! They were not only excellent in quality but also heart-warming due to the fact that they were all parishioners and, quite often, adorable variations of family duos, generously volunteering their talent and effort. There was one performance which was not by parishioners - the Higgins Academy of Irish Dancing - which was dazzling in the skills and spectacle displayed. But, even then, it was our own parishioner who, as a recipient of the Order of Australia for her contribution to Irish dancing, was able to "pull some strings" and arrange the high-quality Irish dancing to be performed at the parish dinner! On the whole, there was a magical quality to the performances on the night, including in the way that all the concepts emerged one after the other as though by inspiration and providence.

Club Central kindly supported the parish dinner with the waiver of room hire. Speaking of the room, it looked far more impressive once all set up, compared to the state of emptiness it was in upon my first visit during the planning stage. On the night itself, the room was dimly lit up with blue being the primary colour, so as to complement the parish logo which was on display around the room. A friendly technician was on standby the entire evening, ensuring the enhancement of our experiences with technological support. But the prettiest things in the room, which might have made the biggest difference to the ambience, were all prepared by Mia from the organising committee! So many people commented on the quality of the food, saying that it was actually quite delicious! There was even live music during the meal, thanks to our pianist from the 5pm mass. No one would have asked for a refund, not even in a million years! *Continued on Page 3*

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The Week Ahead

Sun 27 August 21st Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 28 August St Augustine	No Mass
Tue 29 August Passion of J.B.	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation 5B
Wed 30 August	7.00am Mass 10.30am Funeral Mass for Pat Johnson
Thu 31 August	9.15am Mass with Yr3
Fri 1 September	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Night of Prayer
Sat 2 September	9.00am Mass 9.30-9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass
Sun 3 September 22nd Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

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.



Recently Deceased

Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson, Margherita Barbelli, Geoffrey Connolly, Derek de Voss, Peter Phillips, Mary Ghosn, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, John McCoy

In Loving Memory

Ron & Stephen Xuereb, Myriam Barbe, Mark Alexander, Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, John Bridge, Vanessa Succar, Emile Succar, 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, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Mr TD (Terry) Wall.

Rosary Statue

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MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY

Option A:
Dinner & movie for \$30
5:30pm
@Beverly Hills Hotel
RSVP by Sunday 27 August

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

30 AUGUST

A movie night for Father's Day is being organized by a group of fathers at Regina Coeli. **Over 30 dads have committed already!** Please RSVP by the end of the weekend. Payments can be made in cash on the day.
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)

Last Weekend 20 August 2023	
2nd Collection	\$1496.55
1st Collection	\$984.70
Cashless Giving	\$276

Attendance	
5PM	106
8.30AM	126
10AM	~170
Total	~412


Joyful Gratitude! Both on the night and in the days that followed, so many people thanked me *profusely* for the parish dinner which turned out to be a surprisingly joyful experience for them. What they did not know, however, was that I too had been surprised almost as much as they had been. When the parish dinner was first announced and the uptake was rather slow, I had almost concluded that perhaps a dinner was not the brightest of ideas and was going to be content with anything over a hundred people. Even when the numbers started to rise and surpass expectations, I still had doubts, as though every conceivable reason for cynicism had to go through me for some reason. Mia might have been sleep-deprived due to overworking; I was sleep-deprived for no good reason! But on the night itself I felt so calm and able to enjoy whatever unfolded, and was immensely surprised by what seemed like a little miracle, namely, the coming together of all the elements which had been set in motion along the way.

How often should the parish dinner be held? Parish Dinner 2023 has felt so much like a gratuitous gift that I am hesitant to announce another one too rashly, not wishing to push our luck, so to speak. But it so happens that next year actually has special significance for our parish. The feast of Regina Coeli was officially instituted in the Catholic Church in 1954. In the same year, the name of our parish, which used to be 'Queen of Peace,' was changed to 'Regina Coeli' (Queen of Heaven) - a brilliant move, as I imagine all would agree! This means that next year - 2024 - would be the 70th anniversary of the parish name, as well as that of the official establishment of the feast of Regina Coeli in the Universal Church! I do not know exactly what form our celebration will take - hopefully similar to what we had this year and yet somehow delightfully new! Let's start praying now so that we might be surprised once again by more instances of inspiration and providence for the 70th anniversary of Regina Coeli!


- Fr Peter -



RAISING
Resilient
CHILDREN



Dr John Poon
Catholic Psychologist



Thursday 21 Sept
6:30pm

Regina Coeli Catholic Church
70 Ponyara Rd, Beverly Hills

Raising Resilient Children Thur 21 Sept 6:30pm

Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLCBM>

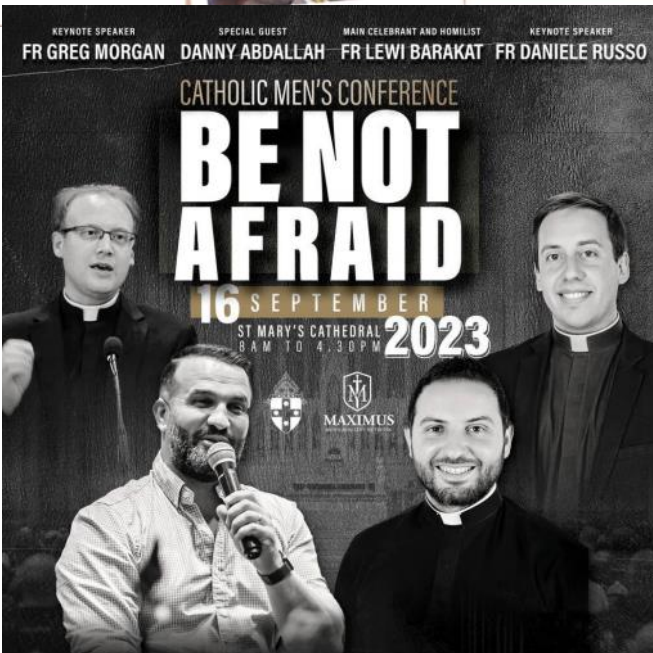
KEYNOTE SPEAKER **FR GREG MORGAN** SPECIAL GUEST **DANNY ABDALLAH** MAIN CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST **FR LEWI BARAKAT** KEYNOTE SPEAKER **FR DANIELE RUSSO**

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

BE NOT AFRAID

16 SEPTEMBER 2023

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL 8AM TO 4.30PM



MAXIMUS

First Reading Is 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and
love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the
lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give

him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church;**

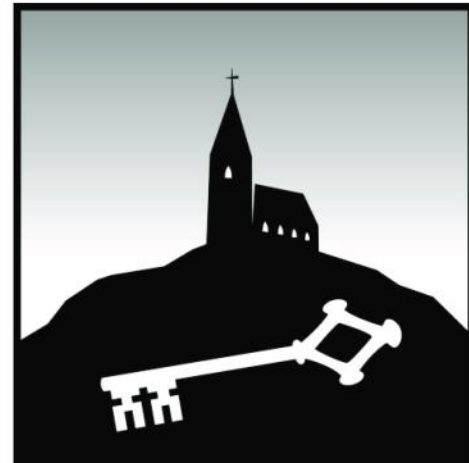
**the gates of hell will not hold out
against it.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realize that that was all that they were—good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realize that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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