



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

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



Transfiguration 6 August 2023

As of Saturday noon 258 people have confirmed their booking for the Parish Dinner. It's still not too late to enjoy a cordial and communal celebration of the feast of Regina Coeli. Bookings will remain open until midnight Sunday.

On Tuesday the feast of St Mary MacKillop will be celebrated. Here are excerpts from a recent catechesis given by Pope Francis on the Aussie saint:

Wisely reading the signs of the times, she understood that for her, the best way to do so was through the education of the young, with the awareness that Catholic education is a form of evangelization...In this way, if we can say that "each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel", then Mary MacKillop was especially so through the founding of schools.

*An essential characteristic of her zeal for the Gospel was caring for the poor and marginalized....on the path to holiness, which is the Christian path, the poor and marginalized are the protagonists, and a person cannot advance in holiness if he or she is not dedicated to them too, in one way or another. They, who are in need of the Lord, bring the Lord's presence. I once read a phrase that struck me: **The [real] protagonist of history is the beggar.** Beggars are the ones who draw attention to injustice, that is, to the great poverty in the world. Money is spent on manufacturing weapons, not on providing meals. And do not forget: there is no holiness if, in one way or another, there is no care for the poor, the needy, those who are somewhat on the margins of society. This care for the poor and the marginalized drove Mary to go where others would not or could not go.*

Mary MacKillop was convinced that the purpose of education is the integral development of the person both as an individual and as a member of the community; and that this requires wisdom, patience and charity on the part of every teacher...Accompanying and encouraging students on the path of human and spiritual growth, showing them how friendship with the Risen Jesus expands the heart and makes life more humane. Educating and helping them to think well: to listen carefully (the language of the heart) and to do good (the language of the hands). This vision is fully relevant today, when we feel the need for an "educational pact" capable of uniting families, schools and society as a whole.

Mary MacKillop's zeal for spreading the Gospel among the poor also led her to undertake a number of other charitable works, starting with the "House of Providence", which was opened in Adelaide to take in the elderly and abandoned children. Mary had great faith in God's Providence: she was always confident that in any situation, God provides. But this did not spare her from the anxieties and difficulties arising from her apostolate, and Mary had good reason for this: she had to pay bills, negotiate with local bishops and priests, manage the schools and look after the professional and spiritual formation of her Sisters; and, later, she suffered health problems. Yet, through it all, she remained calm, patiently carrying the cross that is an integral part of the mission.

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The Week Ahead

Sun 6 August Transfiguration	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 7 August	No Mass
Tue 8 August St Mary MacKillop	9.15am Mass with school
Wed 9 August	7.00am Mass
Thu 10 August St Lawrence	9.15am Mass 9.50am
Fri 11 August St Clare	9.15am Mass
Sat 12 August	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 13 August 19th 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

Last chance!




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

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Please let us know if you need transport!

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



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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Parent Pilgrimage
Mary MacKillop's Place



Date: Friday 18th Aug
Time: 8:45am to 2:45pm
(bus service from school)
RSVP: Click [here](#)

***All costs (entry ticket, picnic lunch and transport to and from North Sydney) will be covered by Regina Coeli school.**

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REC
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Last Weekend 30 July 2023

2nd Collection \$1578.25

1st Collection \$1023.95

Cashless Giving \$380

Attendance

5PM 123

8.30AM 119

10AM ~165

Total ~407

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On one occasion, on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Mary said to one of her Sisters: "My daughter, for many years I have learned to love the Cross". She did not give up in times of trial and darkness, when her joy was dampened by opposition or rejection. Look at this: all the saints faced opposition, even within the Church. This is curious. And she faced it too. She remained convinced that even when the Lord gave her "the bread of adversity and the water of affliction" (Is 30:20), the Lord Himself would soon answer her cry and surround her with His grace. This is the secret of apostolic zeal: a continuous relationship with the Lord. - Pope Francis -

CCTV

The sign was put up before I came to Regina Coeli as Parish Administrator. Strictly speaking, however, the sign was inaccurate. There was in fact no CCTV in the church. In other words, the sign was a placebo if it worked at all to deter theft or vandalism. For that reason, I suppose, I never took down the sign.

All that has changed now. Those who are more observant among us might have noticed this already. We now have two cameras which cover the main part of the church and two others which monitor the sacristy. Some might wonder, 'What brought about the change finally?'

Recently I was made aware of a government grant which was about to expire. So I took that as a sign and acted. Fortunately, there was a contractor who could get the work done in time. And so CCTV has been installed in the church of Regina Coeli at no cost to the parish.

If you ask me, I already often forget that CCTV has been installed. I hope you can do the same and pray/worship as you normally do. Fortunately, theft or vandalism has been extremely rare at Regina Coeli. Let's hope that CCTV will continue to work more as a deterrent than as a tool of investigation about any unfortunate incident. - Fr Peter -



PHYLLIS BONNER

Regina Coeli Youth Group
Term 3 Dates!

29 July
12 August
26 August
9 September
23 September

Contact Fr. Peter at
rcvg77@gmail.com to RSVP.

First Holy Communion Program 2023

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.



First Reading Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:
Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before him.
A court was held and the books were
opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

**(R.) The Lord is king, the most high
over all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that
we were repeating when we brought you
the knowledge of the power and the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his
majesty for ourselves. He was honoured
and glorified by God the Father, when the
Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my
favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken
from heaven, when we were with him on the
holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said
in prophecies; and you will be right to
depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp
for lighting a way through the dark until the
dawn comes and the morning star rises in
your minds.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

**This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:
listen to him.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and
his brother John and led them up a high
mountain where they could be alone. There
in their presence he was transfigured: his
face shone like the sun and his clothes
became as white as the light. Suddenly
Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they
were talking with him. Then Peter spoke
to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for
us to be here; if you wish, I will make three
tents here, one for you, one for Moses and
one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when
suddenly a bright cloud covered them with
shadow, and from the cloud there came
a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the
Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to
him.' When they heard this, the disciples
fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But
Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand
up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when
they raised their eyes they saw no one but
only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain
Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one
about the vision until the Son of Man has
risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Ordinary Time we are
invited to behold the transfiguration
of Christ. By some horrible
coincidence, we recall Christ's
brilliance on the day that the world
marks another cosmic event, its birth
into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The
paradox of these events should not be
lost on us. The white light that shone
from Christ was a mere suggestion of
the divine splendour that is beyond
human comprehension; the flashing
light from the atomic explosion was
an omen of the destructive force that
is within human grasp. It is imperative
that the horror of the latter be brought
under the control of the glory of the
former.

The transfiguration was a moment in
time when Jesus' divine glory broke
through his humanity and shone with
a brilliance that was blinding. We sing
of this glory time and again in the
psalms. Yet when it really appears we
can hardly believe it ourselves. The
readings outline three different
moments when this glory was
revealed. The first was reported by the
visionary in the book of Daniel. The
second moment was the scene of the
transfiguration. The third is hidden in
the resurrection testimony of the
author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess
the prophetic message; we are the
present day eyewitnesses of Christ's
majesty. We too have moments when
we might behold his glory and hear
the voice proclaiming his identity, but
we need eyes of faith and ears that
are open.

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