



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**17 September 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



Last week the first part of the speech at Parish Dinner 2023 was shared. The second part was actually delivered by another person, who was introduced by me as follows: 'We are fortunate to have with us Bevan & Pam Kelly who have been married for just under 70 years! The entire duration of their marriage has been spent in the parish of Regina Coeli. I have asked them to speak on an aspect of parish life which they have enjoyed and benefited from over the years.'

*Pam and I were Married on 15th May 1954 at Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove and moved into our home in Tal-lawalla St. direct from our honeymoon. We have seen and enjoyed many changes to our Parish in that time. From attending Mass in the school hall to witnessing the construction of our magnificent Church and receiving spiritual guidance from many wonderful priests.*



*Our 4 children attended Regina Coeli, originally serviced by the St Joseph nuns, now long gone but always providing quality education. Our time here in Beverly Hills, now approaching 70 years, has been quite memorable, despite experiencing many difficult times. It was once said that "the journey through life wasn't meant to be easy...but it was the way the journey was handled that mattered most." We were fortunate to have had wonderful family and friends to support us.*

*Father Peter spoke of the parish as a community of small groups of people sharing the same faith and love, providing untold benefits to all. As a newly married young couple our entry into an established parish took its time, occasionally meeting other young couples after Mass. It was after the children began to arrive and attend school that things really started. Meeting up with so many like minded families, a small group soon began to form and in no time at all grew to 6 families enjoying each other's company.*

*As the boys moved on to St. Pats, Strathfield, to enter 3rd class (they could at that time) another 2 families joined us. We met once a month at each other's homes for our social get-togethers. We called ourselves "the Card Group." The Men played cards - no money changed hands - we played with "matches." The ladies played for a very short while, then resorted to exchanging ideas, checking children's progress and the problems associated with everyday life - all regarding it somewhat as a therapy session.*

*The get-togethers continued for about 40 years until age and ill health intervened. As life would have it most of our group suffered some degree of trauma throughout their journey. Some were major and devastating; others not quite so. Nevertheless, this and our faith was the common thread that kept us so close and provided the lifeline we all needed to get through.*

*As the years progressed, families moved on (3 remained in B/H) and not surprisingly 5 men predeceased their wives and at various stages 7 ladies were in aged care facilities but at all times someone was there to comfort them. For over 60 years this friendship developed and flourished but it was our faith that gave us the strength to cope with each problem.*

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 17 September</b> 24th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 18 September</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 19 September</b>	9.15am Mass <b>10:30am Funeral Mass for Anton Mandich</b>
<b>Wed 20 September</b> Korean Martyrs	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 21 September</b> St Matthew	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 22 September</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 23 September</b> St Padre Pio	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 24 September</b> 25th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## Planned Giving Envelopes

The new series of Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the church. This year we have a new system. You will notice the Envelope packets are not numbered.



We ask you to please take any packet of Envelopes, find your name and corresponding Envelope number on the sheet provided, record your given Envelope number on your packet of envelopes, please mark your name on the sheet once you have taken a packet of Envelopes. Each week you return an Envelope, please fill in both your Envelope number and giving amount on the front of the Envelope in the spaces provided.

Thank you for your steadfast support.

## Recently Deceased

Anton Mandich, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson, Margherita Barbelli, Merle Kenna, Vlado Trempus, Geoffrey Connolly, Derek de Voss, Peter Phillips, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese, Stefano Bila, Maria Bila, Alida Clemente, John McCoy

## In Loving Memory

June Roebuck, Tony Tesoriero, Margherita Trimboli, Barbara Chater, Carmelo Algozzino, Ron & Stephen Xuereb, Bartolo Tesoriero, Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, Donato Carnevale, 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, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Mr TD (Terry) Wall.

## Rosary Statue

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# RAISING Resilient CHILDREN



**Thursday 21 Sept 6:30pm**  
Regina Coeli Catholic Church  
70 Ponyara Rd, Beverly Hills

**Dr John Poon**  
Catholic Psychologist

Scan QR code for **FREE** ticket

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## MEN'S SILENT RETREAT THE VIRTUOUS MAN

**20-22 OCTOBER 2023**

REGISTRATION: \$120 | AGE: 18-35 YRS  
Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park  
RETREAT DIRECTOR: FR DANIELE RUSSO

Vocation Centre  
Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney



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## Last Weekend 10 September 2023

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1724.15</b>
1st Collection	\$1541.10
Cashless Giving	\$375

## Attendance

5PM	244
8.30AM	140
10AM	~300
<b>Total</b>	<b>~684</b>



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*Each of our journeys have had their ups and downs but we have all been blessed with the support of a tremendous family and friendship group: a positive attitude, our very strong faith, and Pam and I are very thankful to have been a part of this parish for so long and grateful for the support and guidance given by the clergy over this time and cherish the friendships made .*

*We have had a wonderful life - a truly blessed one - and are hopeful of reaching our eternal Goal in Heaven. Of the original 8 couples only 1 remain: Pam and I. Thank you for allowing me to share our brief story. - Bevan Kelly -*

## **A tribute to Patricia Mortimer (written by her children)**

### **“The clever girl from Punchbowl”**

Patricia Mary McGregor was born 20 February 1931 in the middle of the depression to a working-class Catholic family, of Irish, Scottish and Jewish ancestry and was raised in Renown Avenue Punchbowl with her younger brothers and sister Vince, Brian, Maureen and Kieran. Her mother Mary (called Hilda, nee Marks) was a primary school teacher, her father Vincent (called Roy or Greggie) was out of work during the Depression and then worked for Government Stores. Pat shared a bedroom with her grandmother “Cissy” and great grandmother “Arly”, which gave her a life-long interest in family history and stories.



Patricia went to St Jerome's Catholic school & church in Punchbowl, and secondary school at St Bridget's Marrickville. She left school at the end of Third Form to work, as did her friends Von and Joan. Her teacher Nun was disappointed Patricia didn't apply for a bursary for University, as she was a clever girl. Her brothers all went to Uni.

Pat went to Scrublands, Marrickville dances, first met her future husband Bernie on the train to Punchbowl, and through him became involved with the Catholic Youth Organisation at Punchbowl Church. She said she “nearly died” when she was nominated to be CYO Secretary, but that “it was the making of me.” Married in 1950 when Pat was 19, they couldn't afford to buy near Punchbowl, and bought a house on the Woronora River. To get to work each day Pat and Bernie got the boat launch to Prince Edward Park, then bus to Sutherland Station, and two trains to the City. And back. One job Pat had was as a typist/ secretary for the Ironworkers Union. On the Woronora Bernie and Pat became involved with the Labor Party branch and met a young Gough Whitlam.

In 1955 Pat and Bernie bought their house in Shorter Avenue Beverly Hills, where they raised Paul, Philip, Anne and Stephen. Pat was the centre of a loving and caring home, and a community. She became closely involved with the Beverly Hills church and school, and also many dear neighbours, including the Lonergan's, Green's, Morris's, Ireland's and Babbage's; kids wandered between households. Pat's house was also the centre of extended family gatherings and Christmases for decades. Pat set up the first library at Regina Coeli Primary School, and was then employed to do the same at De La Salle Lakemba, as school librarian.



Pat & family spent much time swimming, boating, eating and playing cards at their self-built fibro weekender on the Woronora River. They also holidayed at “Uncle Bob's” dairy farm near Grafton. Before and after retiring, Pat & Bernie travelled in campervans all over Aust., plus they travelled to Europe and the United States with friends.

In the 1970's through the parish Pat supported a Vietnamese refugee family. When a family close to Pat's lost their mother and house, she was one who acted as a guardian and got the house rebuilt. In retirement Pat and Bernie campaigned with others to save Canterbury Hospital (they won), and was a local Labor branch member to late in life. Pat “did the flowers” for Beverly Hills church for many years, and was always positive and friendly with the many and varied involved with the parish – never a bad word, beyond someone was “a funny one”. Pat volunteered at Leigh Place Aged Care, where her mother Mary lived, and where Patricia also lived her last few years in good care. A good and valuable life.

*‘One memory I have of Pat which will always remain with me is from the funeral of Stephen Mortimer (her Son) in 2018. When I looked upon Pat during the funeral, it was as though I was watching a live depiction of Mary at the foot of the cross. Pat looked grieved and exhausted to the point of death, and yet somehow she still had her faith and was able to silently go on. Mary shared so perfectly in the suffering of her Son that she now shares most perfectly in His glory. This is the logic behind Mary's Assumption, as well as her Heavenly Queenship. Incidentally, Pat passed away on 22 August 2023, the feast of Regina Coeli. Perhaps this is a sign of the glory she now shares with Our Lady Queen of Heaven.’ (From Fr Peter's homily)*

**First Reading Sir 27:30–28:7**

*Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8**

**(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.***

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 14:7-9**

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!***

**Gospel Mt 18:21-35**

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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