



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 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

A Message from Daniel Portelli, Member of the Parish Finance Committee

Dear Parishioners, the Financial Year (July 2022 to June 2023) has ended, and I wish to share an update on the Parish financial affairs. I have summarised the Financial Results for This Year and Last Year for those that wish to see the detail.

*It was a Financial Year where, by and large, parish life finally returned to normal. We are pleased to report that **the Parish finished the year in surplus of \$156,390 for the year ended 30 June 2023 (more on Page 3)**. Firstly, I would like to thank all Parishioners that have continued to support our Parish and have made the generous contributions of both time and money during this period.*

The Parish Income for the recently ended Financial Year (2022/23) was \$81,519 higher than Last Year. Much of this increase came from higher donations as regular Mass continued with no interruptions or limitations and the Collection Plate was reinstated. Rising interest rates saw an increase in Interest Income on Term Deposits that are holding surplus funds from Prior Years set aside for future requirements within the Parish. The Parish Hall was hired for the entire Financial Year earning more Hall Hire revenue. There was also a generous bequeathment made to the Church as a one-off increase to Revenue. All these increases offset the decrease in revenue from the temporary Government subsidy, called Job-Keeper, that the Parish received Last Year.

Despite the return to normal Parish life this Financial Year, Parish Expenses were only \$8,183 higher than the Previous Year. The Parish saw increases to normal running costs due to current inflationary pressures, particularly with electricity/gas, Postage/Printing/Telephone, and urgent repairs. However, the increase to Parish Expenses were still modest, which was largely attributed to a delay in certain expenditures, particularly Repairs and Maintenance to Parish property. Additionally, there were several savings measures that were enacted in the Prior Years that the Parish continues to benefit from.

*Consequently, the Parish Surplus during this Financial Year is largely attributed to a restraint in Capital Expenditure during this period of uncertainty. However, **the Surplus will be carried forward to support the Parish as we hope significant repairs and maintenance work will commence on the Church building in the new year. [More on this will be announced soon.]***

The forward outlook is that inflationary pressure on expenses will persist with normal running costs and repairs and maintenance, while weekly donations will continue to remain at levels lower than before COVID19. While the Parish has been fortunate to avoid a deficit during some very challenging years with many generous contributions from Parishioners and financial restraint on expenditure, I would like to encourage all Parishioners to please continue to support the Parish generously with continued donations.

Please remember, if you prefer to make cashless donations to the Parish, there is an EFT machine located at the middle of the Church which can accept any amount you wish to donate using your preferred card. Thank you and God Bless!



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The Week Ahead

Sun 24 September 25th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 25 September	No Mass
Tue 26 September	9.15am Mass
Wed 27 September St Vincent de Paul	7.00am Mass
Thu 28 September	9.15am Mass
Fri 29 September Archangels	9.15am Mass
Sat 30 September St Jerome	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 1 October 26th 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, Bill Poullous, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson, 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.



Retreat Day for Seniors

10am-5pm on Wednesday 18 October 2022
\$30 per person - includes bus hire between Regina Coeli & Mt. Schoenstatt Mulgoa, morning tea & lunch

Please contact Fr Peter or the parish office if you are interested, thank you!

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

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Rosary Statue

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Ms Lisa Scott

Last Weekend 17 September 2023

2nd Collection \$1698.90

1st Collection \$1670.85

Cashless Giving \$245

Attendance

5PM 193

8.30AM 135

10AM ~300

Total ~628

<u>Income</u>	This Year \$	Last year \$	<u>Expenditure</u>	This Year \$	Last year \$
Planned Giving (2nd Collection)	66,203	61,241	<u>Altar & Church</u>	2,367	6,734
Loose coins (2nd Collection)	44,295	23,337	Electricity/Gas	9,103	7,457
Candles	11,736	7,424	Insurance	28,671	29,464
Donations	28,243	3,572	Car Expenses	9,525	9,329
Interest Received	49,059	6,893	Postage/Printing/Telephone	6,262	4,833
Hall Hire	71,283	63,925	Repair & Maintenance	20,548	13,173
Government Subsidies	2,146	30,885	Salaries/Superannuation (Staff)	29,443	18,049
Other	14,697	8,865	Capital Expenditure	3,034	9,278
			Other	22,320	24,772
Total Income	287,662	206,142	Total Expense	131,272	123,089
			Total Surplus	156,390	83,053

Financial Year July 2022 to June 2023

First Friday Monthly Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli
on **Friday 6th October at 10.00am**. All welcome.



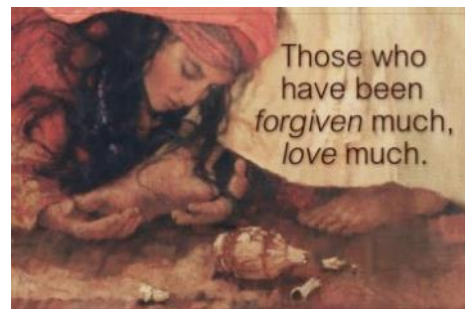
Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him - that she is a sinner... And Jesus said to Simon, 'Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.' (Luke 7:47)

It is decidedly not the case...that love precedes divine forgiveness as a sort of prerequisite; on the contrary, forgiveness precedes love as the condition for its possibility. It is not the case that one's moral life must be upright in order to win divine favour; rather, the sheer gift of God's favour tends to produce an upright moral life, a life of love.

The Pharisees' blindness to the implications of the woman's excessive love is tantamount to his blindness to the authentic workings of the God who is really God...His own cultic purity brushes forgiveness off the stage and thus produces what we see disclosed in the story: a man weak in love. Simon's pharisaical religiosity has blinded him to the need for repentance.

...It is Jesus the judge who shines light into the darkness of Simon's religion itself, into its exclusiveness, violence, self-righteousness, and egotism.

- Bishop Robert Barron -







Congratulations!

All HSC students and their families are warmly
invited to attend a HSC Blessing Mass to be
celebrated at **10am on Sunday 8 October.**

For the purpose of preparing gifts for the HSC students, please contact Fr Peter or the parish office regarding who or how many are coming, thank you!

First Reading Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (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. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,
is Christ, but then death would bring me
something more; but then again, if living in
this body means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want
to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay
alive in this body is a more urgent need for
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out at
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them, "You go
to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair
wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour
and again at about the ninth hour, he went
out and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more
men standing round, and he said to them,
"Why have you been standing here idle all
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they
answered. He said to them, "You go into
my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner
of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the
workers and pay them their wages, starting
with the last arrivals and ending with the
first." So those who were hired at about the
eleventh hour came forward and received
one denarius each. When the first came,
they expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took it,
but grumbled at the landowner. "The men
who came last" they said "have done only
one hour, and you have treated them the
same as us, though we have done a heavy
day's work in all the heat." He answered
one of them and said, "My friend, I am not
being unjust to you; did we not agree on
one denarius? Take your earnings and go.
I choose to pay the last-comer as much as
I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like
with my own? Why be envious because I am
generous?" Thus the last will be first, and
the first, last.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these
last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We
turn from concentration on the
character and responsibilities of
discipleship to reflection on the
import of the end of time. As we
move toward the close of the
liturgical year, we are invited to
consider the final coming of Christ
and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough
to strike fear in the hearts of many.
We sometimes experience tension
between the idea of divine justice,
which requires that the good be
adequately rewarded and the evil
be appropriately punished, and that
of the mercy of God, which we hope
will be generously extended to us.
As seen in the readings for this
Sunday, the justice of God does not
conform to the standards of human
justice. It is incomprehensible,
because its foundation is mercy.
While we might find consolation in
this view of divine judgment when it
is directed toward us, our hearts do
not always seem to be generous
enough to rejoice in the mercy
extended to others. It is almost as if
we feel that we have been cheated
in some way, if God is merciful to
others. However, divine mercy can
work in us to abolish our pettiness
and indignation and replace it with
generosity of heart. We are called
to conduct ourselves with this kind
of generosity, this kind of love, this
kind of mercy.

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