



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 October 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 few months ago I recounted some of the stories surrounding the changes made to the church of Regina Coeli over the past 60 years. There was another change which, according to some, could have happened but did not eventuate, and thankfully so! The potential change had to do with the removal of the marble altar rails. Apart from the fact that the altar rails are evidently beautiful and valuable, there is at least one other reason why their



continual existence matters. The reason has to do with the structure of the church which can be described as being *hierarchically graded*. At first, there are the doors into the church, followed by the corridors and then by the main part of the church (a.k.a the nave). Then there is our splendid marble sanctuary, which is delineated by the altar rails and raised one step above the rest of the church. Three more steps take us to the altar. Another three steps take us to the tabernacle on top of the high altar - the "holy of holies."

It is not an accident that the hierarchically graded structure of our church appears to mirror that of the Temple of Jerusalem! One of the effects of such a structure is to create a sense of movement: from the secular to the sacred, from the profane to the profound, from the natural to the supernatural, from the outer to the inner, from the body to the heart (or the head), from creation to the Creator, from earth to heaven and so on. After all, life is a pilgrimage which is meant to follow the same trajectory as these movements. We travel, not instantly as though by magic or technology, but by passing through the different grades or stages, spiritually speaking. In other words, our travel is a heart-travel far more than a space-travel.

One temptation in spiritual life is to disregard the importance of patience and to seek instant gratification. After all, when it comes to the marketplace of consumer goods we can now buy what we want at the click of a button, without even needing to travel to a store or talk to a service personnel. So, why wouldn't we be tempted to try to do the same in the realm of spiritual life? But the god we pursue impatiently or with greed/lust would be just a projection of our own restless ego and therefore incapable of delivering anything other than emptiness and despair in the end. Unwillingness to submit to the rites of passages required for heart-travel might be one of the deadliest spiritual maladies of our time.

The hierarchically graded structure of our church reminds us that instant gratification has no place in Christian spirituality. Instead, there are a series of grades (or rites of passages) by which we are prepared for heaven. After all, Our Saviour Himself has suffered, died and then passed over into new life! Only the same passover can be the transport by which we travel toward our final destiny. Jesus said, 'Enter by the narrow gate.' (Matthew 7:13) When our humility, patience and trust are deepened by the purifying love of God, our travel accelerates and soars!

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 15 October 28th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 16 October	No Mass
Tue 17 October St Ignatius Antioch	9.15am Mass
Wed 18 October St Luke	7.00am Mass
Thu 19 October	9.15am Mass
Fri 20 October	9.15am Mass
Sat 21 October	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 22 October 29th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass



Correction!

The retreat day is for
Thursday 19 October 2023
 (NOT Wednesday 18 October 2023)
 Meet 10am @ Regina Coeli Church

Recently Deceased

Rula Hanna, Mariagrazia Ciccolella, Terence Wall, Pierre Cardoz, Anton Mandich, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson, Geoffrey Connolly, Derek de Voss, Peter Phillips, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese

In Loving Memory

David Brown, James Roebuck, Alida Clemente, Eddie Da Silva, June Roebuck, Tony Tesoriero, Barbara Chater, Carmelo Algozzino, Ron & Stephen Xuereb, Donato Tozzi, Donato Carnevale, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Lucy Blundell, 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.



Disruption Notice from FAL Construction

Whilst the construction works are taking place, the existing parish toilets will not be accessible. Hence, this will require staff, students and parish members to use the temporary demountable toilets in the meantime until works are completed.

Proposed date: 20/09/23 – 11/05/24



Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 8 October 2023

2nd Collection \$1454.50

1st Collection \$1079.35

Cashless Giving \$206

Attendance

5PM 134

8.30AM 112

10AM ~150

Total ~396

A Message from Michael Moore, Member of the Parish Building & Maintenance Committee

Proposed Church Roof Replacement*

You might recall back that a Parish Building & Maintenance Committee was established some years ago. In recent years the Committee has overseen the repair of the Rose Window and other works. The damage to several sections of the Regina Coeli Church ceiling is clearly visible. This damage has been caused by water penetration from the leaking roof. We have had our roof inspected by expert tradespeople, who have advised the original terra cotta roof tiles are brittle and tiles have been damaged and/ or lost their imperviousness in several roof sections.



Terra cotta roof tiles, typically, have a lifespan of 60 to 70 years and Regina Coeli Church is 60.33 years old. We have accepted the recommendation that it is best for the roof to be replaced, as soon as practicable, to prevent further damage to the interior of the Church and as a precursor to Church interior re-painting and other repair work. We have obtained competitive quotations from three experienced licenced roofing contractors to replace the entire roof with similar new terra cotta tiles. The replacement will be funded from existing cash reserves. At this stage it is hoped the project will be completed during February 2024. The Regina Coeli Church roof replacement is a Parish Act of Extraordinary Administration requiring the prior approval of His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Please contact Fr Peter or the Parish Office if you have any questions or concerns in relation to the proposed roof replacement project.

***The cost of replacing the roof is estimated to be between \$200,000~\$300,000**

All Soul's Day Mass at Regina Coeli – Thursday 2nd November 7pm

All Soul's Day is a chance to honour, remember and pray for our loved ones and those in our community who have died. The Regina Coeli Grief Support Group warmly invite you to attend the All's Soul's Day Mass on Thursday 2nd November at 7pm. Please arrive at 6.45pm for 7pm start.



You are welcome to bring a framed photo of your deceased loved ones to place at the front of the Alter before the Mass. During the liturgy, we will invite a member of each family to come forward and light a candle to place in front of their loved one's photo. These candles will be supplied. We hope you can join us for this special liturgy.

If you would like more information or would like to speak with one of our Grief Support team, please email us at rcgrief@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office on 9554 8155.

Thank you and God bless you,
Regina Coeli Grief Support Team.



I am aware that I have not said a single word about the Voice referendum, at least not directly. This is partially because I have not carefully looked into the matter myself, and partially because I feel a little tired of political controversies. But none of this stopped me from having vehement debates with my priest friends on WhatsApp, especially over the past week or two!

All I wish to say for now is, 'May the voice of common sense prevail!'

- Fr Peter -

A true story about "emergency baptism"

One of our parishioners has a grandson. When he was born there was a serious medical problem. There were even concerns from the doctors that the baby would not survive. Perhaps inspired by the Holy Spirit, the parishioner acted promptly and resolutely by asking for some water, with which she baptised him in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



1256 The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the deacon. In case of necessity, anyone, even a non-baptized person, with the required intention, can baptize, by using the Trinitarian baptismal formula. The intention required is to will to do what the Church does when she baptizes. The Church finds the reason for this possibility in the universal saving will of God and the necessity of Baptism for salvation. (Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Thanks be to God, the grandson managed to pull through! But he first had to rely on intensive hospital care for three more months, at the end of which the celebration of his baptism was completed by a priest in an official ceremony. While growing up, the grandson was in the habit of running toward the grandmother and hugging her. Whenever this happened, she would lean toward his ear and whisper, 'I love you... We have a special bond!'

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) *I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to
be rich too. I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:

full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more servants.
"Tell those who have been invited" he said
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen
and fattened cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."
But they were not interested: one went off
to his farm, another to his business, and
the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious.
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he
said to his servants, "The wedding is ready;
but as those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to the
wedding." So these servants went out onto
the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests. When
the king came in to look at the guests he
noticed one man who was not wearing a
wedding garment, and said to him, "How did
you get in here, my friend, without a wedding
garment?" And the man was silent. Then the
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand
and foot and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some
people turn down the invitation to the
eschatological banquet. This is the
case, both in the parable and in our
world today. This invitation seems
much less interesting than a sports
event, the latest movie, or some
social affair. So much of our time and
energy is spent either climbing the
economic ladder or just trying to
keep our heads above water. Even if
we are interested in the banquet, we
do not seem able to afford the time
and energy that it might require. And
so we send our regrets: I cannot
come. What a shame! We seem to
have forgotten that everything is
tending toward the end; all of our
plans, interests and distractions will
cease. Only the banquet will remain.
All God asks of us is that we receive
the blessings that have been
prepared for us. We need not work
for them. In fact, we cannot work for
them on our own. All we can do is
enjoy them. Enjoyment of the
eschatological time of fulfilment is
open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of
the readings for this Sunday, our
total dependence on God. God
spreads the banquet table and
invites the guests; God punishes
those who are indifferent to or
antagonistic toward the
eschatological banquet; God supplies
whatever we need in whatever
circumstances we find ourselves. We
do not have to bargain with God, or
make reservations. All we have to do
is accept what God has to offer.

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