



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**22 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



The Retreat Day for Seniors went thankfully well. Everyone was on time, except for the sun, although it came out eventually, just in time for us to appreciate the beauty of Mt Shoenstatt in Mulgoa. Morning tea was followed by a reflection on the topic of *prayer*. Lunch was followed by Mass. The day concluded with the rosary in their famous shrine. Clear blue sky and pure sunlight made the place look so dazzlingly beautiful that I personally wanted to stay longer! For some of our seniors it was certainly an adventure to travel so far but they were courageous and everyone returned home safely. Thanks be to God! Speaking of prayer:

*Why do we pray?* Probably one of the most common reasons why we pray is for a certain outcome. We think, 'If I say Prayer A, then, hopefully, I will get Outcome B.' So, we repeat the same prayer, or we go on a search for the "right prayer" which might best bring about the outcome we want, etc. But there is a far better way for us to pray. There is a far greater reason for why we pray. Which is to pray for the sake of *contact with the merciful presence of God* who inspires in us how to think, speak and act, etc.

A mother once told me that she was heartbroken because her daughter, with whom she used to have the closest of relationships, had now become almost like a stranger to her. But when she looked back, she said, she could see that there had been warning signs. Unfortunately, according to the mother herself, she had been too busy or distracted to notice the signs. How often in life do we look back and think, 'If I knew *then* what I know *now* I would have done things *differently*'?

Jesus said, 'Everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.' (Lk12:3) But we don't have to wait until the end to have clarity or transparency. Each time we turn to prayer for the sake of contact with the merciful presence of God, we are loved, forgiven and *enlightened* - shown more clearly what to do differently now, so as to shape a different future.

St Paul once asked, 'Are we saved by the love of God which we have earned, or by the love of God which we have not earned but is given to us as a free gift (a.k.a. *mercy*)?' (c.f. Romans 4-5) Think of how hard young people must work in order to earn enough just to buy a little house in Sydney today? By contrast, God's mercy is like the entire universe which has been given to us as a free gift! The same God who has created everything that exists can do amazing things in us and through us, starting from the universes of our soul! This is why when we pray for the sake of contact or *communion*, and pray constantly, the outcome of our prayer will far surpass anything we could have asked for or imagined!

**I will be on annual leave over the next month. For the first weekend of my absence, Fr Dominic Nguyen - a good friend of mine - will celebrate the Masses. The rest will be looked after by Fr Paul Hilder - a former parish priest of Regina Coeli - who will have moved back into Beverly Hills for his retirement. Please make them feel welcome, especially the one who is, as a young lady in our parish put it, *a blast from the past!* - Fr Peter -**

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 22 October</b> 29th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 23 October</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 24 October</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 25 October</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 26 October</b>	9.15am Mass with Year 1
<b>Fri 27 October</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 28 October</b>	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation  4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 29 October</b> 30th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Rula Hanna, Ninetta Ricchiuti, 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

Paul Kensey, David Brown, James Roebuck, Alida Clemente, June Roebuck, Tony Tesoriero, Barbara Chater, 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.

**Rosary Statue**  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS  
CAROLS & PARTY**  
**SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023**  
**STARTING WITH CAROLS (CHURCH) AT 4:30PM**

*I have decided to call for a day of fasting and prayer on Friday, Oct. 27...[It will be] a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit. (Pope Francis)*



### Last Weekend 15 October 2023

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1523.80</b>
1st Collection	\$925.65
Cashless Giving	\$640

### Attendance

5PM	102
8.30AM	118
10AM	~160
<b>Total</b>	<b>~380</b>



## We'd Love You To Join The Musical Ministry @Regina Coeli

There are many ways to be involved with our church community here at Regina Coeli. One of the ways you can lend your talents in prayer is through the musical ministry. There are three different choirs that sing at each mass and are made up of many dedicated and talented individuals who either lend their vocal, musical or IT skills to enhance our masses.



Behind these choirs are dedicated choir organisers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to bring you music each week that appropriately aligns with the readings of that mass. We have dedicated people who create the weekly PowerPoints, set up equipment and ensure technology runs smoothly behind the scenes too. These teams also organise the extra special music for feast days, funerals, weddings, communion, confirmation and especially during the Easter and Christmas seasons. It definitely takes a lot of love and commitment to keep this ministry going. But we absolutely love it!

One of our resident and most senior choir organisers is Wendy Phillips who has been organising, conducting and singing in the 8:30am choir for over 40 years. What a superstar!!!

As our church community changes the numbers in these groups have slowly dropped. To keep the music alive in our church we ask that you and your families might consider joining the musical ministry. There is no age limit, there's no auditions, all are very welcome. It doesn't matter which mass but we definitely hope that you consider being part of such a wonderful ministry. Please feel free to approach the choirs in person after mass or contact Natasha - [nat\\_demel@live.com.au](mailto:nat_demel@live.com.au) or 0402785196 and she will direct you to the right contact in each choir.

## All Soul's Day Mass at Regina Coeli – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7pm

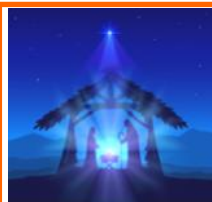
All Soul's Day is a chance to honour, remember and pray for our loved ones and those in our community who have died. The Regina Coeli Grief Support Group warmly invite you to attend the All's Soul's Day Mass on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm. Please arrive at 6.45pm for 7pm start.



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](mailto:rcgrief@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Office on 9554 8155.

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



## Advent Special: A talk by Dr Robert Tilley

***The Real Presence of Jesus versus the Virtual World:  
The End of the World and the Birth of the New***

**On Thursday 30 November 2023, 6:30pm @ Regina Coeli Church**



In Advent the world is ending, and on Christmas day a new world begins. In the Book of Revelation the end comes with the rise of what is dark, false, and unreal; while at Christmas the beginning comes with the one who is the Truth and the Light. With the turn of 2023 to 2024, everything seems on the edge of an abyss, and all that is offered is the screen and the promise of AI; a virtual world in which we can hide away immersed in distractions. But Advent is the time to look away and consider what is real and what has meaning, to look to Christmas for it says that what is real is the Real Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ; there the light shines in darkness. By way of the Scriptures and the teaching of the Church this talk seeks to explain and explore not the 'beginning and the end', but the 'end and then the beginning'.

*Dr Robert Tilley did his Doctorate at the University of Sydney with a thesis entitled Reading the Sacred Text. His thesis set out to rethink the nature of 'creation as a text of God' (natural theology) by way of an engagement with Scripture (revealed theology) and did this by way of late and postmodern discussions on the nature of textuality. He has lectured widely on a variety of topics, endeavouring to show how Scripture, theology, philosophy, and the arts all interrelate. He has lectured in Biblical Studies at the Catholic Institute of Sydney for close to fourteen years now, and for a longer period of time was a regular lecturer in Biblical Studies, the arts, and theology at the Aquinas Academy which was based at Wynyard. He has also lectured at UNDA Sydney and tutored in Biblical Studies at the University of Sydney.*

**First Reading** **Is 45:1-4-6**

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to  
Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not  
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to  
the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7**

**(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.**

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the  
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens.  
(R.)
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts.  
(R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.  
(R.)

**Second Reading** **1 Thes 1:1-5**

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the  
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing

you grace and peace from God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers  
and thank God for you all, and constantly  
remember before God our Father how you  
have shown your faith in action, worked for  
love and persevered through hope, in our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and  
that you have been chosen, because when  
we brought the Good News to you, it came  
to you not only as words, but as power and  
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Phil 2:15. 16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** **Mt 22:15-21**

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God  
the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out  
between them how to trap Jesus in what  
he said. And they sent their disciples to  
him, together with the Herodians, to say,  
'Master, we know that you are an honest  
man and teach the way of God in an honest  
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,  
because a man's rank means nothing  
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it  
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'  
But Jesus was aware of their malice and  
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this  
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay  
the tax with.' They handed him a denarius,  
and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose  
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then  
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar  
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what  
belongs to God.'



**Reflection** by **Dianne Bergant CSA**

The frequency with which we consider  
the question of insider-outsider is an  
indication of how important  
universalism and the breaking down  
of boundaries is within our religious  
tradition. All peoples, all lands are  
called on to praise God. Furthermore,  
God cares about and cares for all  
people (see Is 19:25), and God works  
through all people to accomplish good  
in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of  
Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a  
Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a  
suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black  
South African, etc. Human beings  
have always realised that, in  
comparison with the grandeur and  
expansiveness of the universe within  
which they live, they are weak and  
vulnerable creatures. This has led  
them to believe in and offer homage  
to a divine being, or beings. Praise of  
God has always been an expression of  
awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age,  
nor class nor culture qualifies one for  
being an insider, what does? Today's  
readings suggest that it is service of  
others. In breaking down the walls of  
prejudice, the social activists of our  
own age liberate not only the  
oppressed groups to which they  
belong, but also those who oppress  
them. The lives of these dynamic  
people show us that service of others  
draws them into our circles and  
encircles us in theirs. With open arms  
God invites all into an embrace of  
divine love. As God has embraced us,  
so we are called to embrace all  
others.