



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 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



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The Communion of Saints

Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI

As Christians, we believe that the dead are still alive, still themselves and, very importantly, still in a living, conscious, and loving relationship with us and with each other. That's our common concept of heaven and, however simplistic its popular expression at times, it is wonderfully correct. That's exactly what Christian faith and Christian dogma, not to mention deep intuitive experience, invite us to. After death we live on, conscious, self-conscious, in communication with others who have died before us, in communion with those we left behind on earth, and in communion with the Divine itself. That's the Christian doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

But how is this to be understood? Not least, how do we connect to our loved ones after they have died? Two interpenetrating biblical images can help serve as an entry-point for our understanding of this. Both come from the Gospels. The Gospels say that at the instant of Jesus' death, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. (Matthew 27, 50-52) The Gospels then go on to tell us that on the morning of the Resurrection several women came to Jesus' tomb to anoint his dead body with embalming spices, but rather than finding his dead body, they meet instead an empty grave and two angels who challenge them with words to this effect: Why are you looking for a live person in a cemetery? He isn't here. He's alive and you can find him in Galilee. (Luke 24, 5) What's contained in these images?

As Christians, we believe that we are given eternal life through Jesus' death and resurrection. The Gospels express that Jesus' death and resurrection, "opened the tombs" and emptied graveyards. Our loved ones aren't to be found in their graves, but they're with Jesus, in "Galilee". What's "Galilee", in terms of a biblical image?

In the Gospels, Galilee is more than a place on a map; it's also a place inside the Spirit, God's Spirit and our own. In the Gospels, Galilee is the place where, for the most part, the good things happen. It's the place where the disciples first meet Jesus, where they fall in love with him, where they commit themselves to him, and where miracles happen. Galilee is the place where Jesus invites us to walk on water. Galilee is the place where the disciples' souls enlarge and thrive.

And that is also a place for each of our deceased loved ones. In each of our deceased loved ones' lives, there was a "Galilee", a place where their persons and souls were most alive, where their lives radiated the energy and exuberance of the Divine.

When we look at the life of a loved one who has died we need to ask: Where was she most alive? What qualities did she, most uniquely, embody and bring into a room? Where did she lift my spirit and make me want to be a better person? Name those things, and you will have named your loved one's "Galilee" – and you will also have named the "Galilee" of the Gospels, namely, that place in the heart where Jesus invites you to meet Him.

And that is too where you will meet your loved ones in the Communion of Saints. She's in "Galilee". Meet her there. And the "Galilee" of our loved ones can also be found inside our own "Galilee". There's a deep place inside the heart, inside faith, hope, and charity, where everyone, living or deceased is met, resting in communion with the Divine.

The Week Ahead

Sun 29 October 30th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 30 October	No Mass
Tue 31 October	9.15am Mass
Wed 1 November All Saints	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass with school
Thu 2 November	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Mass (Grief Support)
Fri 3 November	9.15am Mass
Sat 4 November Charles Borromeo	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 5 November 31st Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Val Green, 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

Serena Fatseas, 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
Mr & Mrs M. Moore
67 Tallawalla Street
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PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PARTY

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2023

STARTING WITH CAROLS (CHURCH) AT 4:30PM

If you would like to volunteer with preparations, and on the evening of the Christmas party, please contact Gina Andre, 0403236540. Thank you.

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 or 0402785196 and she will direct you to the right contact in each choir.

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&
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Last Weekend 22 October 2023

2nd Collection \$2433.70

1st Collection \$1102.20

Cashless Giving \$270

Attendance

5PM 116

8.30AM 130

10AM 350

Total 596

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 Altar 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.

First Friday Monthly Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on **Friday 3rd November at 10.00am**. All welcome.



St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

The next clothing drive is on-

Saturday 4 November



Please place bags outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection in a place where they can be seen from the street. This will help our collectors which will be most appreciated.

For those not on the collection list but have clothing to donate on a one-off basis it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop the donated items at the Parish School on collection day between 8:00am & 8:30am.

If you wish to be added to the collection list please email Brian Wall (President) at Brian.wall@vinnies.org.au Thank you.

Seeking Vinnies Members

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is looking for people who are interested in becoming Members of the Beverly Hills Conference.

Regina Coeli parishioners have always been very generous in raising funds for the Conference to assist those in need. We very much appreciate this support.

We are now looking for new Members who can volunteer some time to attend meetings and help distribute assistance to those in need. This is due to the recent retirement of a number of Conference Members after many years of dedicated service.

We understand that your level of involvement will depend on your personal circumstances such as study, work and family commitments. Any time you can contribute will make a real difference to those in need.

Please consider becoming a Vinnies Member and providing a hand up to the most vulnerable members of society. In our good works, Vinnies Members encounter Christ in the poor and share his compassionate love.

To find out more about becoming a Member of the Society, you can:

- look at the information available at this website: [Become a member | St Vincent de Paul Society - Vinnies](#)
- email President Brian Wall on brian.wall@vinnies.org.au
- speak to one of our Vinnies Members after Mass on the weekend of 11-12 November 2023 or
- join us at our Vinnies Information session at the Parish Centre 7.30pm on 22 November 2023.

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 Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and

Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

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