



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 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 Message from REGINA COELI PARISH GARDEN

Spring is here and the Magnolia, Azaleas, Rhododendron, Clivias, Lavenders are in full bloom. The weekly Regina Parish newsletter of the 5/12/2021 stated that Fr Peter K, Peter J, and K. Peters were to be involved with the maintenance of the Community Centre Garden. Fr Peter mows the lawn - when he has time. Does not know much about plants.

Peter J, has been outstanding in "cutting, digging and slashing", all the overgrown plants, weeds, trees etc. His mother Pat Johson has recently gone to her eternal reward and Peter who lives in Newcastle will not be able to continue the heavy work. He will only occasionally come to Sydney. Peter also does not know the difference from plants and weeds. Peter J has since advised K.P. that she is also responsible for the back of the Community Centre and the Presbytery.

Finally there is K Peters who does know a good deal about plants. Her son and even her eldest daughter have helped her with digging holes for plants. [The garden at the front of the community centre with Mary's statue is looking great.] She has obtained plants from different sources and is aware of their correct placement. However due her age & medical problems she is restricted in many ways. She can obtain mulch and potting mix, but cannot lift it out of the car, nor break up the mulch and definitely not digging. There is also the problem of the tap in the Presbytery front garden. It is extremely close to the ground. Kay has been endeavouring to water the new plants with a plastic milk bottle, which does not fit completely under the tap. Is there a handyman who could rectify this problem?

*To be honest, it is all getting overwhelming and completely beyond Kay's physical abilities. **What is needed: Initially, a few hours work directed by Kay to complete the easy care planned gardens. Then maybe an hour or two every month. The more volunteers the easier the jobs! Even a once off attendance would be appreciated.***

*Currently the garden is going backward. Kay has been stressing about this problem and would like to complete the planned the garden before the hot summer arrives. Also, to have a beautiful Regina Coeli Garden when we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the feast of Regina Coeli next year. **Kay attends 8.30 mass on a Sunday. Choir, white hair- red glasses. Phone 9533 4547 and leave a message.***

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The Week Ahead

Sun 8 October 27th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 9 October	No Mass
Tue 10 October	9.15am Mass
Wed 11 October	7.00am Mass
Thu 12 October	9.15am Mass
Fri 13 October	9.15am Mass
Sat 14 October	9.00am Mass 9.30- 9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15- 4.45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass
Sun 15 October 28th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Rula Hanna, Terry Wall, Pierre Cardoz, Vlado Trempus, Anton Mandich, Bill Poullous, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson, Geoffrey Connolly, Derek de Voss, Peter Phillips, Josephine Darmanin, Nicola Civitarese, Gerardina Civitarese

In Loving Memory

James Roebuck, Alida Clemente, Eddie Da Silva, June Roebuck, Tony Tesoriero, Margherita Trimboli, 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.

Rosary Statue

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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!*

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 when you return an Envelope, please fill in both your Envelope number and giving amount on the front in the spaces provided.**

Could you please record your envelope number very clearly on the line provided on the front of the envelope.

Thank you for your steadfast support.

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



Last Weekend 1 October 2023

2nd Collection \$1405.40

1st Collection \$1000.45

Cashless Giving \$243

Attendance

5PM 98

8.30AM 108

10AM ~150

Total ~356

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***



We can do almost everything right and still find that tragedies collide with us. For example, a fatal illness or a terrible accident can take from us a loved one so soon that it seems cruel. Pain is something that tends to come and go, but not this time. The grief is heavy and immovable, like an entire world nailed through the heart. When quiet suffering seems like the most certain of our darkened realities we cannot help but ask, 'Why?'

...The 'why' of human suffering is a mystery. There is a true story of a Jewish woman who grew up without knowing the love of a mother or a father. She considered herself an atheist. After having felt so often in her life that her own existence was unbearable, she could not help but scream out with her entire being, 'Why?' Then one day she heard that on Calvary Jesus himself cried out, 'My God, My God, WHY have you forsaken me?' (Matthew 27:46) She said that if the name of our God was 'why,' then, that was enough for her. She became a Christian. The fact that, in Jesus, God suffered, died and rose from the

dead might be the best possible answer to the 'why' of human suffering. After all, we are not even remotely ready for a comprehensive and detailed answer, for, we seriously lack the capacity for seeing the "big picture" as God sees it, hence the reason why the Lord said to Job, 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?' (Job 38:4) Consequently, it seems possible that there is simply no greater answer to the 'why' of human suffering than the love of Jesus who identifies with us even in the darkest and most helpless of our moments and ensures that we are never alone, not even for the faintest of our heartbeats.

- Fr Peter, Parish Bulletin 26 July 2020 -

**4 October is
the feast day of St Francis**



***Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures.
You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land.
You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters.
We ask you to bless our pets.
By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan.
May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation.
Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.***

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which
is so much greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!***

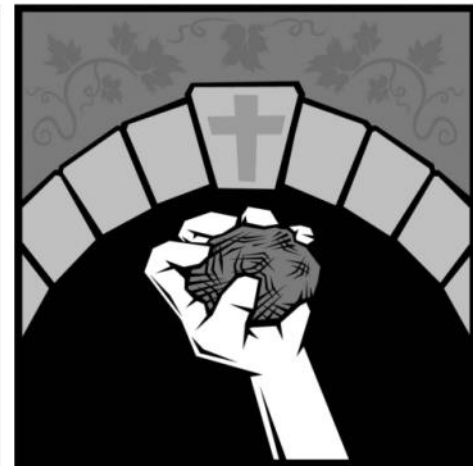
Gospel Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was
a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he
fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built
a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent
his servants to the tenants to collect his produce.
But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed
one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he
sent some more servants, this time a larger
number, and they dealt with them in the same
way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will
respect my son," he said. But when the tenants
saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him
out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring
those wretches to a wretched end and lease
the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver
the produce to him when the season arrives.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be
taken from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.