



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

### 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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### Feast of Christ the King 26 November 2023

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year we are celebrating the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. His is a kingship of guidance, of service and also a kingship which at the end of time will be fulfilled as judgment. Today, we have Christ before us as King, shepherd and judge, who reveals the criteria for belonging to the Kingdom of God. Here are the criteria.

The Gospel passage opens with a grandiose vision. Jesus, addressing his disciples, says: "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne". It is a solemn introduction to the narrative of the Last Judgment. After having lived his earthly existence in humility and poverty, Jesus now shows himself in the divine glory that pertains to him, surrounded by hosts of angels. All of humanity is summoned before him and he exercises his authority, separating one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

To those whom he has placed at his right he says: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me". The righteous are taken aback, because they do not recall ever having met Jesus, much less having helped him in that way, but he declares: "as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me". These words never cease to move us, because they reveal the extent to which God's love goes: up to the point of taking flesh, but not when we are well, when we are healthy and happy, no; but when we are in need. And in this hidden way he allows himself to be encountered; he reaches out his hand to us as a mendicant. In this way Jesus reveals the decisive criterion of his judgment, namely, concrete love for a neighbour in difficulty. And in this way the power of love, the kingship of God is revealed: in solidarity with those who suffer in order to engender everywhere compassion and works of mercy.

The Parable of the Judgment continues, presenting the King who shuns those who, during their lives, did not concern themselves with the needs of their brethren. Those in this case too are surprised and ask: "Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?". Implying: "Had we seen you, surely we would have helped you!". But the King will respond: "as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me". At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and serve Jesus in our littlest and neediest brothers and sisters. That mendicant, that needy person who reaches out his hand is Jesus; that sick person whom I must visit is Jesus; that inmate is Jesus, that hungry person is Jesus. Let us consider this.

Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all nations, but he comes to us each day, in many ways, and asks us to welcome him. May the Virgin Mary help us to encounter him and receive him in his Word and in the Eucharist, and at the same time in brothers and sisters who suffer from hunger, disease, oppression, injustice. May our hearts *welcome him in the present* of our life, so that we may be *welcomed by him into the eternity* of his Kingdom of light and peace.

**Pope Francis, Feast of Christ the King, Homily 26 November 2017**

## The Week Ahead

Sun 26 November Christ the King	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 27 November	No Mass
Tue 28 November	9.15am Mass
Wed 29 November	7.00am Mass 10.30am <b>Funeral Mass for Maria Passeggio</b>
Thu 30 November St Andrew	9.15am Mass with Year 6 6.30pm <b>Advent Special- talk by Dr Robert Tilley</b>
Fri 1 December	9.15am Mass
Sat 2 December	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 3 December First Sunday of Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am <b>Family Mass</b>

### Recently Deceased

Arthur Webster, Maria Passeggio, Norman Shannon, Sr Marie Weeks OP, Sam Pergola, Val Green, 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

Francis Law, Ron Xuereb, Ken Maher, Mary McKinnon, 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:** Lucita Lucerna, Betty Meaney, Monica Costa, Ronnie Gaudry, Steve Ghantons, Vincent Roberts, Lucy Blundell, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Damiano Serravalle, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell.

### Rosary Statue

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*Regina Coeli Parish*  
INVITES YOU TO  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
and  
**PARISH PARTY**  
**December 10**  
Carols in the church 4:30pm  
followed by **Party** on school grounds

- ★ Dinner Provided
- ★ Please bring dessert to share
- ★ Make it a picnic & bring a rug!

RSVP by Dec 3: [Reginachristmasparty@gmail.com](mailto:Reginachristmasparty@gmail.com)  
or SMS Gina: 0403 236 540  
Want to donate food or help on the day? Please call!

*All are invited to attend the Parish Christmas carols and party! For catering purposes, please RSVP on the signup sheet at the back of the church.*

*Also, if you would like to volunteer with preparations, and on the evening of the Christmas party, there is a separate signup sheet at the back of the church for those willing to volunteer.*

*Thank you.*

### Call Out To- Christmas Carol Singers and Musicians!

We would love for You to join us - So if you are a singer or musician and would love to be part of this years parish carols on Sunday 10 December @4:30pm please get in touch with Nat - [nat\\_demel@live.com.au](mailto:nat_demel@live.com.au) or Lauren - [laurenlim650@gmail.com](mailto:laurenlim650@gmail.com)

Please note that there will be rehearsals on Friday 1 December and Friday 8 December commencing at 6pm in the Church. No experience necessary, just a passion for Christmas carols.

*We hope to see you there!*



### Last Weekend 19 November 2023

#### 2nd Collection \$1616.20

1st Collection	\$1005.35
Cashless Giving	\$175.00

#### Attendance

5PM	128
8.30AM	119
10AM	165
<b>Total</b>	<b>402</b>



# Nativity Play



Dear Parish community, we invite children who would like to be part of the Christmas nativity play for the **Family Christmas Vigil Mass on 24th December**. Please send an email with your contact number and details by Monday 4th December ([rosetta.p@outlook.com](mailto:rosetta.p@outlook.com)). Also feel free to approach me at church or the school. There will be two practise sessions in the lead up to Christmas.  
Thank you, Rosetta.

## 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.*

## Christmas Wishing Well Appeal

As is tradition here at Regina Coeli, the St Vincent de Paul Beverly Hills Conference are to hold their Christmas Appeal to raise money for those much in need in our area. The ladies will be collecting after all Masses on the weekends of 9/10 December and 16/17 December.  
Thank you.



## Christmas Cards and 2024 Columban Calendars

The St Vincent de Paul Beverly Hills Conference will be selling St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards & 2024 Columban Art Calendars from this weekend. Purchases can be made by visiting the Piety Stall, with money raised used to assist the needy in our Parish area.

Christmas Cards of high quality will be selling for \$5.00 for a pack of 10 cards. Columban Art Calendars, highlighting Solemnities, Feasts & Memorials, are selling at the bargain price of \$7.00 per calendar.



## First Friday Monthly Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on **Friday 1st December** at **10.00am**. All welcome.



**First Reading Ez 34:11-12,15-17**

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. (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 1 Cor 15:20-26,28**

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be

subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

**Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on him who comes  
in the name of the Lord!*

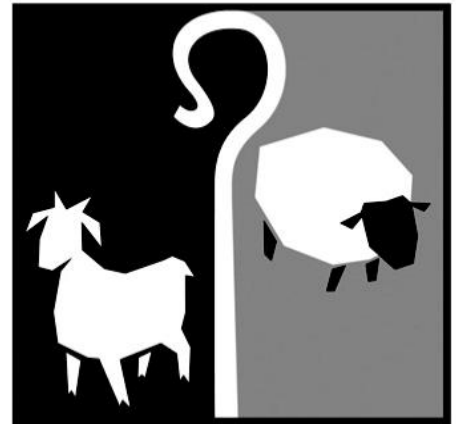
*Blessings on the coming kingdom  
of our father David!*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mt 25:31-46**

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.