



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

Second Sunday of Advent 10 December 2023

One of the regrets about being away was that I could not be here to promote & animate the Carols and Christmas Party. But what feels to me like a delightful miracle is the fact that just under 400 people have RSVP'd! Our new coordinator has been working hard with joyful enthusiasm and she has gathered around her a team of helpers. A number of significant donations have come in, including from Hurstville Woolworths who are giving away once again a generous amount of ham! Against the odds, a jumping castle has been found and booked at the last minute. Our musicians, who are not only talented but also dedicated, have worked diligently to put on a good performance for the community. Even the weather forecast, which used to say 'rain' for Sunday, is now looking drier and not too hot either. I think it's time to celebrate! - Fr Peter -



The following has been written by Joy Vincent on behalf of the Grief Support Group at Regina Coeli

Now that November the month of Holy Souls has passed I would like to reflect on the busy time in the parish with Father Peter away on his well earned break.

The month started with our All Souls Mass on Thursday 2nd of November at 7pm. A great crowd arrived with photos of their deceased loved ones which were displayed along the altar rails. During the Mass family members were invited to place a lighted candle in front of their loved one's photo. This was a very special moment for us to honour those who have died.

We were blessed to have Father Paul Hilder back at Regina Coeli and we thank him for making the Mass so very special. A big thank you also to the choir for their beautiful music throughout the Mass.

The rest of the month seemed to pass with every few days - more sad news - then finally the last celebrations to their eternal reward.

Father Paul, I hope you can start your long awaited retirement and we wish you good health and happiness here in the Beverly Hills parish. Thank you for all your help over the past month.

Welcome home Father Peter, we hope you have had a great holiday and a good rest to help you cope with the very busy season ahead.

If you are in need of grief support, please ring the Parish Office on 95548155 or email: rcgrief@gmail.com



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The Week Ahead

Sun 10 December 2nd Sunday Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 11 December	No Mass
Tue 12 December	9.15am Mass
Wed 13 December St Lucy	7.00am Mass 9.15am Graduation Mass
Thu 14 December St John of the Cross	9.15am Mass
Fri 15 December	9.15am Mass
Sat 16 December	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 17 December Third Sunday of Advent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to

CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's

14-25 DECEMBER

Experience the wonder and beauty of this Advent Season as we wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas

MONDAY 18 DEC 7:15PM

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE REGINA COELI COMPLIMENTARY BUS
MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 7:15PM

Scan me



A group from Regina Coeli will travel together on a free bus on Monday 18 December at 7:15pm. Due to limited seating, please talk to Fr Peter or book online. Alternatively, you can travel by train and meet us there. Return time is estimated to be around 10pm.

Recently Deceased

Cheryl Gammel, Arthur Webster, Maria Passeggio, 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

In Loving Memory

June Coyle, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina, Alfio Coco, Kathleen Coleman, Veronica Kellert, Francis Law, Ron Xuereb, Ken Maher, Serena Fatseas, Paul Kensey, David Brown, James Roebuck, Alida Clemente, June Roebuck, 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 Ghan-tons, 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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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.



Betty is currently in rehab and looking forward to coming home.

Last Weekend 3 December 2023

2nd Collection \$1575.05

1st Collection \$1265.30

Cashless Giving \$315

Attendance

5PM ~120

8.30AM 127

10AM ~200

Total ~447

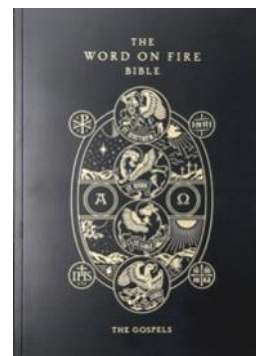
‘The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.’ (Mark 1:1)

The opening line of Mark’s Gospel...can sound anodyne and harmlessly pious to us, but in the first century, those were fighting words.

Mark’s Greek term, euangelion, which we render as “good news,” was a word that was typically used to describe an imperial victory. When the emperor won a battle or quelled a rebellion, he sent evangelists ahead with the good news.

Do you see now how subversive Mark’s words were? He was writing from Rome, from the belly of the beast, from the heart of the empire whose leaders had killed his friends Peter and Paul just a few years before, and he was declaring that the true victory didn’t have a thing to do with Caesar, but rather with someone whom Caesar had put to death and whom God raised up.

- Bishop Robert Barron -



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.



Excerpt from the Words of Remembrance for Val Green, by Rod Green (son)

Mum would have been 99 in three weeks’ time. *How fortunate we are to have had her in our lives for so long! A long life – well and honourably lived! Mum was a child of the Great Depression. Deprived of luxuries growing up, she eschewed them all her life.*

She was intelligent, energetic and deeply & truly loved all of her family & friends. She was fiercely independent, & her refusal to become what she saw as a ‘burden’ on others was a major motivator in her longevity. She lived her life ‘doing’ for others around her, rather than letting them ‘do’ for her. Always a giver, never a taker. All of this she taught to us by way of lived example.

As for most of us, my Mother was my first and most enduring love. My first and most loyal friend. My teacher, my carer. The one I knew with certainty would never turn her back. She gifted the lessons of perseverance & striving for better things to all of her family. She was a devoted & loyal friend to many.

The last ten years or so, there has been sadness as Mum watched so many of her family, friends & neighbours pass away. She was the last remaining of all the aunts & uncles of her generation, on both sides of my family. She said to me not long ago “I’ve lived too long. There won’t be anyone left to come to my funeral”. Well, on that we prove her wrong today.

She showed to all of us her beautiful qualities:-

Enduring & unshakeable love

Loyalty

Inclusiveness

Acceptance

Openness

Honesty

Faithfulness

Forgiveness

Selflessness

Wisdom & wise counsel

And Humility

Never did she speak ill of anyone, and never did I hear a bad word said about her.

Today, we all feel much sadness, but Mum had wanted us to be happy. She was ready to leave us all, her long life’s work complete, & to finally be at rest. I believe the Nuns were right when they told me as a child ‘...your reward will be in Heaven’. Mum is there now. May she rest in peace.



First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the
Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has
to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our
land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from
heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Pt 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must
never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can
mean a thousand years, and a thousand years
is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry
out his promises, as anybody else might be
called slow; but he is being patient with you
all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to
be brought to change his ways. The Day of the
Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar
the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire
and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains
will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this,
you should be living holy and saintly lives while
you wait and long for the Day of God to come,
when the sky will dissolve in flames and the
elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting
for is what he promised: the new heavens and
new earth, the place where righteousness will
be at home. So then, my friends, while you are
waiting, do your best to live lives without spot
or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:**

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus
Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of
the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger
before you;

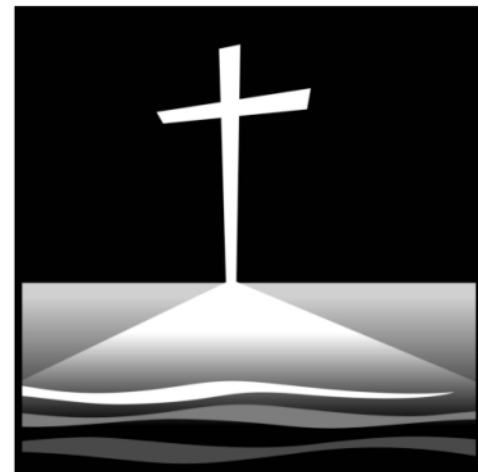
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared
in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All
Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made
their way to him, and as they were baptised by
him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.
John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived
on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his
preaching he said, 'Someone is following me,
someone who is more powerful than I am, and
I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of
his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the wilderness God's salvation
comes to a broken people. In the
midst of what is seemingly an
impossible situation, hope emerges
with vigour. In this context, hope is
an openness to surprise, the
surprise that God is in no way limited
to the imaginings of human minds
and the consequences of human
history. This is the kind of hope that
is proclaimed in the wilderness by
John; it is the kind of hope that
trusts that from the impossible, God
can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in
Christianity. What is future is made
present. The prophetic oracle
announces the future as if it is
already happening. This sense of the
future-present prompts new ways of
living. As the future takes root in
human lives, the present is
transformed into a new creation and
the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the
wilderness into the broken city and
inspires a broken-hearted people.
The contrite heart is a broken heart,
an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled
heart. It is a heart that is
unencumbered by the past and that
lives currently in the passing of time
and the fragility of being alive. The
contrite, broken heart can be filled
only by what is promised in the
future. This is the paradox of Advent.
In the middle of the wilderness, God
works the impossible in those whose
hearts are ready for the surprise of
hope.

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