



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 January 2024**

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 story of an immigrant

I was once a university chaplain without any attachment to a parish and therefore able to respond to a request for a priest chaplain on a cruise ship over Easter. Since then I have always wondered what it might be like to be on an epic cruise from Europe all the way back to Australia. Once upon a time, however, such a trip was made by countless immigrants who ventured out toward the unknown horizon, in search for a new life!

Angelina immigrated to Australia in 1962. So, Angelina, Tony (her husband) and Nicola (their firstborn son) embarked on a ship from the port of Napoli, Italy. The ship was relatively small in comparison to contemporary cruise ships. There were approximately 1200 passengers onboard. Although not as comfortable or luxurious as contemporary cruise ships, the one which they were on was managed by an Italian company and consequently had a full time priest chaplain. Each day's schedule started with daily mass! What functioned as a "chapel" would then be converted back into a dining hall for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The daily schedule also included some entertainment by way of music and/or dancing.

The sail from Italy to Australia took about 30 days. The ship stopped in Messina (Italy) before travelling through the Suez Canal, after which further stops were made in Colombo (Sri Lanka), Perth and Melbourne. The leg between Sri Lanka and Australia was the hardest, as it consisted of 10 consecutive sea-days without any land in sight. Angelina recalls that the men often played cards. Although there was a pool, it was only accessible to the "premium passengers" who had their own restricted area. There were some rough days at sea. At such times scattered passengers could be seen lying on the ground for the entire duration, which was safer than to try to stand up and do things. Sickness onboard was a fact of life!

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The Week Ahead

Sun 21 January 3rd Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 22 January	No Mass
Tue 23 January	9.15am Mass
Wed 24 January St Francis de Sales	7.00am Mass
Thu 25 January Conversion of Paul	9.15am Mass
Fri 26 January Australia Day	9.15am Mass
Sat 27 January	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 28 January 4th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Elma Brickwood, Lucita Lucerna, Tony Deng, Ann McDowell, Arthur Webster, Sr Marie Weeks OP, Val Green, Rula Hanna, Terence Wall, Anton Mandich, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson, Geoffrey Connolly

In Loving Memory

Anna Lee, Salvatore Russo, Maria Adollorato Tesoriero, Ken Maher & Mary McKinnon, Sam Xerri, Cono Reale, Peter Pezzutti, Pietro & Grazia Banno, Eddie Da Silva, Jose Gomes, June Coyle, Kathleen Coleman, Donato Tozzi, Donato Carnevale, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Alistair McKenzie, Frances Jones, 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, Anne Kensey, Geoff McDowell.

Rosary Statue Mr & Mrs T. Woodford



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Clothing Drive



St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2024

Please note the next Clothing Drive is on Saturday 3rd February.

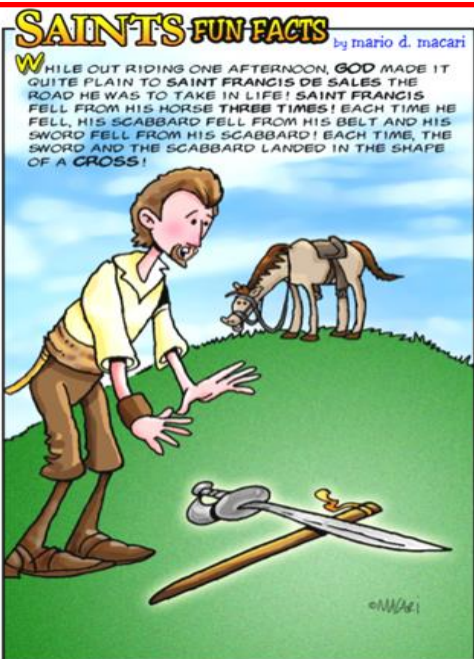
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Please place bags outside by 8:00am on the Saturday of collection in a place where they can be seen from the street. This will help our collectors which will be most appreciated.

For those not on the collection list but have clothing to donate on a one-of 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 noel.gwynne@vinnies.org.au

Thank you for your continuing support of our clothing drives it is greatly appreciated.



First Friday Monthly Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited in Our Lady's Chapel at Regina Coeli on **Friday 2nd February at 10.00am**. All welcome.



Last Weekend 14 January 2024

2nd Collection \$1806.20

1st Collection	\$1157.10
Cashless Giving	\$180

Attendance

5PM	100
8.30AM	148
10AM	~155
Total	~403

Continued from Page 1 Angelina still remembers the moment of arrival in Sydney. She saw the Harbour Bridge. Circular Quay in those days was mostly empty, without any of the dazzling skyscrapers which light up the CBD these days. By and large, she was not very impressed with what she first saw of Sydney. The truth was that she was very, very homesick! Angelina's family stayed in Marrickville with Tony's brother who had sponsored them to come to Australia. Subsequently, they moved first to Rockdale, and then to Beverly Hills, where they would find their lifelong home. Tony had been in the army back in Italy and was a skilled shooter. He and his friends loved their hunting trips, the prizes of which they shared with the ever growing numbers of family and friends!

- Fr Peter -

Safeguarding Audit 2023 (written by the Safeguarding Office of Sydney Archdiocese)

As you would be aware, the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office was established in the Archdiocese of Sydney in November 2015. The role of the Safeguarding Office is to raise awareness regarding our collective responsibility to protect the safety, well-being and dignity of children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Archdiocese of Sydney and to respond swiftly and compassionately in circumstances in which children are harmed or at risk of being harmed.

The focus of the Safeguarding Office is the prevention of abuse and harm to children, young people and the vulnerable within our Archdiocese. To this end, the Safeguarding Office has been developing and delivering training programs on a range of Safeguarding protocols and procedures that work together to protect children and young people from harm. This ongoing training is for clergy, staff and volunteers. The Safeguarding Office also supports all parishes with necessary Safeguarding resources and information. The Safeguarding policy is proactive in that it aims to create and maintain a safe and supportive culture in all Parishes.

The Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) is a national organisation established in 2020 with the purpose of promoting and overseeing a consistent approach to the practice of Safeguarding in our Church. The mandate of ACSL is "to support Church leaders and Catholic organisations to create safe and nurturing environments for every person who comes into contact with the Church in Australia". (ACSL Annual Report 2021-2022). The ACSL has developed ten Safeguarding standards which incorporate recommendations from the Royal Commission and also the National Principals for Child Safe Organisations, contextualising these requirements for the Catholic Church in Australia.

In November 2023, the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd began an audit of 40 Agencies, Parishes and Chaplaincy Communities within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Our parish was selected to be audited at this time. The audit involved an online portal self-assessment which was completed in November, and a field audit to be completed in February this year.

Our parish has complied with all the documents required by the ACSL. Clergy, staff and volunteers who are mandated have provided a Working With Children Check Number, completed Safeguarding training, and signed the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct, also Safeguarding risk assessments have been completed for parish events and activities when necessary. Thank you to the volunteers who have, when necessary, provided the parish with their relevant documentation, and also completed Safeguarding training.



Please join us in honouring Our Lady of Good Success in prayer and procession. Bridget Sakr from the Heartfelt Community has invited the Sydney community to join her in procession at St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe devoted to Our Lady of Good Success. The procession will take place on Our Lady's feast day, **2nd February 2024** and will be preceded by a Novena to Our Lady, which will commence on **24 January** and conclude on 1 February.

Our Lady of Good Success refers to Marian apparitions in the late 16th century to Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres in Quito, Ecuador. The messages emphasized preserving the Catholic faith and foretold challenges facing the Church. These prophecies gained significance due to their accurate predictions of future events. Approved by the Church, the devotion to Our Lady of Good Success centres on seeking her intercession for protection and the preservation of the Catholic faith, particularly cherished in Ecuador.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from
of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
(R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who
stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.