



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**28 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



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### The story of an immigrant (continued...)

Since the publication of Angelina's story last week, extra information has been relayed to me by the family. The ship that they sailed on was known as SS Sydney. It was built as a C3 Class cargo ship and then converted to become an auxiliary aircraft carrier during the Second World War. SS Sydney was returned to the US Navy in Florida at the end of the war and was now in need of a new purpose. An Italian cruise liner by the



name of *Flotta Lauro* purchased SS Sydney and then rebuilt it as a modern two class liner in 1950/1.

SS Sydney carried around 1000 passengers (90% Tourist class, 10% First class) and around 270 crew. It measured 150m in length and 21m in width.

*First class occupied two of the superstructure decks, whilst Tourist had three decks below. Both classes had a large range of public rooms featuring décor and furnishings that had that touch of Italian flair and style. Each had their own pool and open-air cinemas. First class accommodations had single and two berth cabins, some with private facilities. Tourist had mostly two, three or four berth cabins, a few having six to eight berths.*

(Sourced from: <http://ssmaritime.com/roma-sydney.htm>)

SS Sydney sailed between Italy and Australia from 1951 to 1963, although some of her voyages also included those to the US and Canada. Her services ceased entirely in 1975 when she was broken up by professional ship breakers.

Angelina's story inspired the sharing of another story from Anna who was also an immigrant from Italy in 1951. Who knows, perhaps her family travelled on SS Sydney as well! Anna was 11 years old. Her two older brothers had come to Australia first and then sponsored the entire family to immigrate to Australia.

There was a government policy for supporting struggling immigrants at the time but, unfortunately, Anna's family did not qualify for the \$2.50 government grant as they had been sponsored privately by their own family members. The early days in Australia were very tough for them.

Anna's father who was not exactly a young man anymore had to work in factories. Anna attended school where she hardly understood what was being taught. In those days any systematic program for learning English was not widely available. After a short period of part time school attendance, Anna's parents thought it better for her to work full time and contribute to family income.

Anna's grandmother struggled severely with the new life in Australia. After all, she had left what was a relatively comfortable and settled life in Italy for a new one in which nothing could be taken for granted. The men who had to balance the budget had the heartbreaking task of informing the grandmother of what the family had to go without. She once cried out, 'In this country, I cannot even cook!'

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## The Week Ahead

Sun 28 January 4th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 29 January	No Mass
Tue 30 January	9.15am <b>Mass with school staff</b>
Wed 31 January St John Bosco	7.00am Mass
Thu 1 February	9.15am Mass
Fri 2 February Presentation	9.15am Mass 10.00am <b>Rosary</b>
Sat 3 February	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 4 February 5th Sunday in Ordinary time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Carmelina Sasano, Maria Dos Santos, 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

Carmelo Algozzino, Anna Lee, Salvatore Russo, Maria Adollorato Tesoriero, Ken Maher & Mary McKinnon, Sam Xerri, Cono Reale, Peter Pezzutti, 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 Mrs. L. Xuereb



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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.**

FEB	3
MAY	4
AUGUST	3
NOVEMBER	2

**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](mailto:noel.gwynne@vinnies.org.au)**

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

### Catechists Needed!

Presently, in our parish 7 catechists teach 101 children (2023 figures) in two local primary schools. We attend Beverly Hills North Public School on Wednesday mornings and Narwee Public School on Thursday mornings. The lessons run for thirty minutes. The curriculum, lesson plans and student activity books are provided. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) also runs necessary courses to prepare and assist us with our teaching.

We are in need of catechists this year. If you have a little time and are interested in becoming a catechist or a catechist helper, please speak to Fr. Peter, Elizabeth Gooley (Catechist Coordinator), or contact the Parish office. Also, if you have a WWC check, you are most welcome to attend and observe a class with another catechist to see if this ministry may be for you! Thank you.



### 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 21 January 2024

#### 2nd Collection \$1702.60

1st Collection	\$899
Cashless Giving	\$275

#### Attendance

5PM	146
8.30AM	140
10AM	~150
<b>Total</b>	<b>~436</b>

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### **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.*



### **The Christian's Final Journey:**



Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **13 February 2024**. It has been designed for all those interested in Catholic funerals including parishioners, clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, and all school staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as **preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant)** and how to support the grieving.

It will be held at Club Ashfield, 1-11 Charlotte Street Ashfield NSW. Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). Registration is essential by 7 February. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.) **Enquiries:** [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au) or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to **[www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training](http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training)**

**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](mailto: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 Dt 18:15-20**

*I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.*

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9**

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.' (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35**

*The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A people in darkness have seen a  
great light:**

**a radiant dawn shines on those lost in  
death.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 1:21-28**

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

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