



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 June 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



Winter seems to have arrived a little earlier than usual, or at least it feels that way to my body (or perhaps I just don't know what time it is)! So, it is fitting for us to remember those to whom, for example, heating might seem like unaffordable luxury rather than basic necessity. St Vincent de Paul Society ("Vinnies") at Regina Coeli will be running their annual Winter Appeal, starting this weekend. The envelopes will be distributed, to be collected over the next weekend. Please take the time to discern what might be your most appropriate level of support toward Vinnies Winter Appeal. Also, please join me in praying for the members of Vinnies at Regina Coeli and those to whom they minister (more on this on Page 3).

Charity is the highest and most essential virtue. But beware of scammers who exploit the charitable (or gullible) side of humanity! There is a scam by which our parishioners have been unsuccessfully targeted: scammers will look up the parish website and go through some of our bulletins (for the wrong reasons!). They will gather the email addresses of parishioners which are occasionally shared in the bulletins. They'll then set up a fake email account under the name of the parish priest ('Fr Peter Kwak') in order to contact the parishioners and initiate conversations which, if pursued, will inevitably end up with requests for monetary support.

Fortunately thus far, the scammers have appeared to be operating from overseas and often under the impression that our parish is located in Beverly Hills, California! For example, they have requested purchases of gift cards from Walmart! But the scammers could be evolving (and doing their homework more thoroughly) and therefore we should be vigilant. I have never asked for money from parishioners. They have a better chance of winning the lottery than to receive such a request. So, if this happens to you, please assume it's from an impostor. In cases of doubt, of course, you should always speak to me in person first. **The following is from our own Natasha McEwen from the 8:30am choir who is concerned, especially for the elderly in the parish:**

- Fr Peter -

Whilst technology can be helpful in getting things done there is also the dark side of this where many have fallen victim to scams, identity theft and fraud. In Australia last year there were over 600000 reported scams with a total loss of \$2.74 billion, with a rise in scams targeting those aged over 65. Scammers are sneaky. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers will often ask for personal info or money and pretend to be someone you trust, like your phone company or bank. This is an important and timely reminder about the need for ongoing vigilance around your personal and financial details. No one will ever ask for such information in their capacity at this church. If you are concerned or received a suspicious request for information please contact the relevant person over the phone. Do not rely on email or text. Always act immediately to confirm legitimacy. If you have been the unfortunate victim of a scam/fraud. You can obtain further advice and assistance from your relevant banking institution, the NSW Police or directly via scam watch or ID support.



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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 16 June 11th Sunday OT | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 17 June | No Mass |
| Tue 18 June | 9.15am Mass with Yr3 |
| Wed 19 June | 7.00am Mass |
| Thu 20 June | 9.15am Mass |
| Fri 21 June St Aloysius | 9.15am Mass |
| Sat 22 June St John Fisher & Thomas More | 9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass |
| Sun 23 June 12th Sunday OT | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

Recently Deceased

Robert Blaschek, Jim Sinnott, Joseph Tonitto, Florita Del Carmen, Mimma Vozzo, Pat McCoy, Frances Jones, Bill McGrath, Carmelina Sassano, Lucita Lucena, Tony Deng, Val Green, Rula Hanna, Terence Wall, Anton Mandich, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson

In Loving Memory

Sastri Joyo Kasmu, Fouad Attia, Quintino Atzeni, Santo Ilardo, John Voon, Jeanette Cardoz, Vlado Trempus, Gail Moore, Patricia Johnson, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Margaret and Noel Staines, Keith Coyle, Kevin Weeks, Maria Debono, Peter Pezzutti, Donato Tozzi, Donato Carnevale, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

David Kuk, Sr Patricia Nichols OP, Josephina Gayed, Betty Meaney, Monica Costa, Ronnie Gaudry, Steve Ghantons, Vincent Roberts, Lucy Blundell, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McLnerney, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Damiano Serravalle, Mary Daniels, Anne Kensey, Geoff McDowell.

Parish Rosary Statue

This week
the parish Rosary statue will be
welcomed into the home of
Mrs. K. Poolice



Parish Secretary
9554 8155
Tuesday & Friday
10.30am-4.00pm

Youth Group
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Mrs Elizabeth Gooley
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Tuesday & Friday from
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School Principal
Mrs Lee Scolia

Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch

REC
Ms Lisa Scott

Giuseppe Tonitto was born in the small northern Italian town of Toppo to Giovanni and Giulia Tonitto on the 7th of February 1926...He had a strong religious upbringing.



He emigrated to Australia in 1949 to a strange land where he had to learn a new language and culture. He has seen the world transform from a time of scarcity to an age of abundance...

After the family emigrated, they lived on acreage in Peakhurst...Dad married the love of his life, Fulvia, after she arrived in 1952...Sometime later they moved the [fruit & vege] business to Roselands... About 1959/60, the family moved to Ponyara Road, 2 houses up from the school.

I was always amazed at the constant stream of family and friends that visited regularly for meals or just discussions or a hand of cards. Mum and Dad loved to entertain, and it did not matter the hour of the day, they were always happy to accommodate all, even if we had school the next day.

After Mum passed in 2014, Dad continued to live in the family home for a few more years. He was fortunate that his grandchildren frequently visited and stayed with him. He kept fit by gardening, cleaning, and cooking. His grandchildren loved playing cards with him and listening to the many stories over coffee and ice cream of the war and life in Italy.

Most of the people here have been witnesses to his life, experienced his kindness, seen the funny side that always compelled him to lighten a moment, observed his determination to complete what he started, his ability to just make the people he loved happy...his ability to engage with anyone and to learn from them and his inner strength to follow the beliefs he lived by.

He was a man of compassion. He felt deeply for others and went out of his way to alleviate their suffering. Even when he was unwell and laid up in the hospital bed, his main joy was to see those around him happy. Dad possessed a resilience that helped him overcome several close calls. His last bout, however, was insurmountable. He passed peacefully and drug free at 98.

If I could leave you with one of his constant sayings, it was this - "What do you have in this life? All you have is your family and the loved ones around you." You don't measure a man's life by how he goes out but rather by how he lived. Dad lived his well with great integrity, and with a rich love of family and life that spread out to touch a community of people and friends.

- From Words of Remembrance by John Tonitto, Son -

Last Weekend 9 June 2024

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| 2nd Collection | \$1248.45 |
| 1st Collection | \$863.40 |
| Cashless Giving | \$270 |

Attendance

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| Vigil | 75 |
| 8.30AM | 124 |
| 10AM | ~130 |
| Total | ~329 |

2024 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

"For when I was hungry you gave me food" (Matthew 25:35)

The Beverly Hills Vinnies conference would like to thank the parishioners of Regina Coeli for your support over the years and for your continuing generosity to help those in need.

The conference will be conducting the 2024 Vinnies Winter Appeal on the weekend of 22nd and 23rd June 2024.

This year's appeal is focused on the issue of the working homeless.

The most vulnerable people in our community have been hit extremely hard by the spiralling cost of living. Many families are only just holding on. They've had to cope with sharp rises in the price of food and other living expenses. Australia's ongoing housing crisis means they are at increased risk of losing their homes and everything they've worked so hard to build.

The lack of affordable housing and increased demand for rental properties means that increasing numbers of those in employment can't afford a roof over their heads and are being forced into homelessness - 'the working homeless'. The Australian Bureau of Statistics found that of the 122,494 Australians experiencing homelessness in 2021, 36% were in the labour force.

How does Vinnies help?

Vinnies aspires to provide a hand up to all those in need and to do so with love, respect, justice, hope and joy. Members of the Beverly Hills Vinnies conference visit those in need in the local community and we provide assistance including food vouchers, furniture, medical expenses, and rent assistance.

This financial year, we have made 131 visits and provided \$32,638 in assistance. On average, we provided \$249 in assistance per visit, which is higher than last year due to increased requests for rent support and furniture.

How can you help?

The Beverly Hills Vinnies conference cannot provide assistance to those in need without your generous support. Over the financial year to end April, we had funding of \$33,872, raised from the last Winter Appeal, donations from Regina Coeli primary school, donations to the poor box and sales of the Catholic Weekly. Next weekend, we will be collecting Winter Appeal donations at each of the doors after Mass. We will use the funds raised to assist those struggling in the parish area followed by those in need in the surrounding Kingsgrove-Bankstown region. You will be able to use the envelopes provided at the end of your seats to contribute a cash donation. Alternatively, you will be able to pay by card using the 'tap and go' machines at the main doors. Please indicate if you would like a tax receipt.

May God bless you for helping those in need.

If you need assistance from Vinnies, please call 13 18 12.



St Vincent de Paul Society

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Elevate your Marriage

Scan the QR Code to
Register your Expression
of Interest NOW



WHERE? Sessions will be held in the RC Parish Centre

WHEN? Dates & Times TBC based on your interest

Weekday Daytime / Evening options available

For enquiries please speak to Fr Peter or email
eleonora.razzoli@syd.catholic.edu.edu

**COMING
SOON**

**Register your Expression of interest here -
date and time TBC based on interest**

This is a three week program which is based on a three part series by Dr Jordan Peterson - one of the most renowned speakers in the world at present - who uses his extensive experience as a clinical psychologist to share profound insights about what marriage is and how to optimise it far beyond mediocrity. This is a valuable opportunity to reflect on one's own married life and to develop an even greater vision for marriage and family, in a friendly and respectful environment, in solidarity with others who aspire toward the same goal.

You won't regret it!

First Reading Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a
shoot
and plant it myself on a very high
mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of
Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade
of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that
I, the Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low
ones grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today remind us that poetic imagery is an apt way of describing the mysterious presence of God in our midst. The cedar began as a seedling that takes years to grow into a magnificent tree. The same is true of the mustard tree. It too requires time to develop its trunk and branches. The development of moral integrity in a human being is just as gradual. Rooted in God, it flourishes in God's presence and it produces fruit even into old age. Although God is present in all things, sustaining them and allowing them to follow their natural courses, God really transcends all things. Metaphorical language may be the best means for speaking about God and the things of God. It enables us to live in the tension that both reveals something about God and conceals God's real nature.

The reign of God also begins in very ordinary circumstances, and it matures gradually until it has spread itself far and wide. Although the mystery of the reign of God unfolds within human history, we need eyes of faith to recognise it. Like the cedar and the mustard seed, it grows within the concreteness of human experience. Just as the life force that thrusts the branches of the trees further and further out cannot itself be seen, so the reign of God is mysterious, even incomprehensible. Still, it is there, inviting us, urging us to move forward, transforming our world.

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