



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



# Weekly Newsletter

## 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 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



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You might be surprised that I still have more to say about my experience of Jerry Seinfeld's live standup from two weeks ago, but hopefully there is a good reason for this which is no joke! As a comedian, Seinfeld spoke horribly even about the things which were in fact very dear to him, including his 24 years of marriage. For example, he commented that single men work hard to finally make their life just perfect - precisely how they want it to be - but for some inexplicable reason that is still not good enough for them. So, they then put everything at great risk by, you guessed it, getting married!

There is an element of historical truth here. The show 'Seinfeld' - one of the most popular television shows of all time - ran for 9 successful seasons from 1989 to 1998, by the end of which, we can safely assume, Seinfeld had become very wealthy, not to mention extremely famous. And he was still single! But he was not a young man either. So, about a year later - toward the end of 1999 - Seinfeld got married and was 45 by then. He is still married to the same woman almost 25 years on, but why? Especially when he complains so much about the marriage in his comedy shows!

Seinfeld once claimed that his marriage actually saved his life. Whilst wealthy and famous, though single, a sea of nihilism must have been rising from within. So, yes, his marriage saved him from some dark places he could have ended up. He called single life 'all just kind of a bad magic trick. I just keep bending over to reach for this wallet on a string. How much longer am I gonna do that?' By contrast, he said about married life: 'There's tremendous power and energy in sharing your life with another person...I love these two puzzle pieces that don't quite fit. Somehow you make them fit.'

Marriage is a great opportunity, but also a great challenge. Dr Jordan Peterson - a clinical psychologist and so much more (one of the greatest philosophers of our time) - has produced a three part series on marriage. Here is one of the ways in which he explains the value of marriage: What is good? Not just in the short term but for the 'broadest span of time'? In order to obtain what is truly good, he said, you need to 'treat yourself like you are a community that extends across time' - not just the 'you' of today but also the 'you' in 10 years and so on. This requires, for example, the sacrifice of impulsive or hedonistic desires for the longterm benefit of the multiplicity of yourself across time.

This is what is called an adult vision for life. But are we not tempted to neglect this in favour of some short-sighted whims? This is why commitment matters - commitment to a rule of life (or to another person). Otherwise, the alternative of 'sitting on the fence' or 'taking the easy way out' becomes irresistible. Together is better than alone. Marriage is a voluntary adventure - a way of "shackling oneself to another person" so as to commit to optimal mutual progress. Therefore, he said, 'treat your spouse in a manner that is reciprocal and productive and grows positively over decades,' for, you probably won't find a better deal!

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# The Week Ahead

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| <b>Sun 30 June</b><br>13th Sunday OT | 8.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass  |
| <b>Mon 1 July</b>                    | No Mass  |
| <b>Tue 2 July</b>                    | 9.15am Mass  |
| <b>Wed 3 July</b><br>St Thomas       | 7.00am Mass  |
| <b>Thu 4 July</b>                    | 9.15am Mass  |
| <b>Fri 5 July</b>                    | 9.15am Mass<br>10.00am Monthly Rosary  |
| <b>Sat 6 July</b>                    | 9:00am Mass<br>9:30- Adoration<br>9:55am & Reconciliation<br><br>4:15- Reconciliation<br>4:45pm<br>5.00pm Mass |
| <b>Sun 7 July</b><br>14th Sunday OT  | 8.30am Mass<br>10.00am Mass  |

## Recently Deceased

Marie Lovisollo, 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, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson

## In Loving Memory

Bernie Crawford, Leena Danthis, Paolo Melia, Sastri Jyo Kasmoo, 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, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Damiano Seravalle, Mary Daniels, Anne Kensey.

## Parish Rosary Statue

*This week the parish Rosary statue will be welcomed into the home of Mr & Mrs T. Saify*



*Continued from Page 1* There is more detail about the three part series by Dr Jordan Peterson below (Page 2). A good number of responses have come through the school. Three sets of dates for three small groups have been published. Depending on the total number of those who are interested, as many groups/sessions as necessary might be organised and run in the future. So, please don't hesitate to express your interest. Alternatively, you can check out the series privately but you will have to subscribe to 'Daily Wire' for one month at least (~\$20) in order to watch them.

Speaking of marriage, Belinda and Herman (the 10am choir) are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. I had the privilege of attending their celebration on Friday. True to their style, the party consisted of an impressive range of musical entertainment, all of which came from their large pool of family and friends. What a wonderful couple who evidently complement one another! I was reminded of another couple - Joseph and Marie Lovisollo (recently deceased) - who also complemented one another remarkably and whose mutual devotion to the very end was beautiful like a movie! - Fr Peter -

## First Friday Monthly Rosary

*A book for petitions is on the Altar rails in Our Lady's Chapel. Petitions will be included in Our Holy Rosary starting at 10am on Friday 5th July. All welcome.*

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*The sessions will include an opportunity to connect with other participants upon arrival. We will then watch the course by Dr Jordan Peterson (approx 25-40 min video). Finally, there will be an opportunity to discuss some of the key learnings from the points raised by Jordan Peterson in a small group setting.*

*The series is planned to start in Term 3 and will run for three consecutive weeks as follows:*

- \* *a men's evening group on Tuesdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm (starting on Tuesday 30 July)*
- \* *a women's morning group on Fridays 9:30am - 11:00am (starting on Friday 2 August)*
- \* *a women's evening group on Tuesdays 7:00pm - 8:30pm (starting on Tuesday 20 August)*

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| <b>Parish Secretary</b><br>9554 8155<br>Tuesday & Friday<br>10.30am-4.00pm | <b>Sacramental Coordinator/ PSSO</b><br>Mrs Elizabeth Gooley<br>9554 8155<br>reginasacramental@gmail.com<br>Tuesday & Friday from<br>10.30am - 4.00pm | <b>School Principal</b><br>Mrs Lee Scola |
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|  |   | <b>REC</b><br>Ms Lisa Scott              |

| Last Weekend<br>23 June 2024 |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>2nd Collection</b>        | <b>\$1644.70</b> |
| 1st Collection               | \$1089.70        |
| Cashless Giving              | \$265            |

| Attendance   |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Vigil        | 89          |
| 8.30AM       | 130         |
| 10AM         | ~150        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>~369</b> |

## Words of Remembrance for Marie Lovisolo (by the daughters)

Mum was the eldest daughter of Frank and Lillian Brown, born in Feb 1938...attended business college before commencing work at a store in Newtown and was able to do this as she lied about her age, not yet being 16. The bosses all thought that she had done her Leaving Certificate because she was so smart.

At 17, Mum and dad met at social tennis and Dad would double her home on the handlebars of his bike. Love blossomed quickly and they were married at St Christopher's Catholic Church in Panania in 1958...they purchased the house they still call home in Beverly Hills in 1959.

Mum was the homemaker while dad worked long hours in the building trade. She was a talented seamstress having made all her own clothes for many years including her wedding dress. She was taught to cook, knit, crochet, and smock by her mother...Mum's handwork skills were always perfect and she was talented at everything she turned her hands to.

Mum was very involved in fundraising for the Regina Coeli School & Parish where we all attended and this was when enduring friendships with the Pettits, Chong Suns, Orbells, Staines, Lyles and McMahons were forged. These were all friendships that continued until older age and ill health kept them apart...There were many social gatherings including parish balls, fetes, dances, chicken in a basket nights, etc. For each social event, mum would sew yet another new dress. She was always fashionably dressed and had some memorable outfits.

Mum was a very intelligent woman but as her family did not have much money, and as typical of the time, she was unable to pursue further education. We have no doubt that mum would have achieved greater things had she been born in a later era. She was extremely competitive and we can all attest to her drive to win especially when playing trivia and scrabble, even with her grandchildren. No allowances were made for their age!

After observing mum's deep faith over many years and after putting five children through catholic schools, dad converted to Catholicism at the tender age of 70. With Fr Paul Hilder's tutelage, he proudly joined the parish as a practising Catholic and mum and dad renewed their marriage vows on the same day. It was around this time, 2006, after all their parents had passed away, that mum and dad made the decision to donate the money for the installation of a stained glass window into Regina Coeli Church. Today, you can see the beautiful window of St Francis of Assisi, which is dedicated to the memory of Frank and Lillian Brown and to the families of the Browns and Lovisolos. Not only is it a tribute to both families but also a gentle nod to the Italian heritage of Dad's family.

In recent years, mum faced her many health challenges with courage and faith, always supported by her ever faithful and loving husband, Joe, our dad, by her side. Dad has been unwavering in his care for mum, a testament to his deep love for her over nearly 70 years as a couple.

Mum left an indelible mark on us, her children. She instilled in us a strong work ethic, resilience, independence and attitude of getting a job done and doing it to the best of our ability.

Today, as we say our goodbyes to our mum, nana, and great nana we take comfort in her legacy. Her love, tenacity, faith and determination lives on in all of us. Rest now in peace mum with your beloved son Jeff.



**First Reading Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

*It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.*

Death was not God's doing,  
 he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.  
 To be – for this he created all;  
 the world's created things have health in them,  
 in them no fatal poison can be found,  
 and Hades holds no power on earth;  
 for virtue is undying.  
 Yet God did make man imperishable,  
 he made him in the image of his own nature;  
 it was the devil's envy that brought death into the  
 world,  
 as those who are his partners will discover.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2**

*(R.) I will praise you, Lord,  
 for you have rescued me.*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
 And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
 O Lord, you have raised my soul from the  
 dead,  
 restored me to life from those who sink into  
 the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
 give thanks to his holy name.  
 His anger lasts but a moment: his favour  
 through life.  
 At night there are tears, but joy comes with  
 dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.  
 The Lord came to my help.  
 For me you have changed my mourning into  
 dancing,  
 O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15**

*Your abundance should supply their want.*

You always have the most of everything – of faith,  
 of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for  
 any cause, and the biggest share of our affection  
 – so we expect you to put the most into this work  
 of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord  
 Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for  
 your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.  
 This does not mean that to give relief to others  
 you ought to make things difficult for yourselves:  
 it is a question of balancing what happens to  
 be your surplus now against their present need,  
 and one day they may have something to spare  
 that will supply your own need. That is how we  
 strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who  
 gathered much had none too much, the man who  
 gathered little did not go short.

**Gospel Acclamation 2 Tm 1:10**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
 with death*

*and brought us life through his gospel.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 5:21-43**

**or shorter form Mk 5:21 1-24. 35-43**

*Young girl, I say to you, arise.*

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the  
 other side, a large crowd gathered round him  
 and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the  
 synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name,  
 and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded  
 with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is  
 desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on  
 her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus  
 went with him and a large crowd followed him;  
 they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered  
 from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long  
 and painful treatment under various doctors,  
 she had spent all she had without being any  
 the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse.  
 She had heard about Jesus, and she came up  
 behind him through the crowd and touched his  
 cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had  
 told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source  
 of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt  
 in herself that she was cured of her complaint.  
 Immediately aware that power had gone out  
 from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and  
 said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples  
 said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing  
 round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"'  
 But he continued to look all round to see who  
 had done it. Then the woman came forward,  
 frightened and trembling because she knew  
 what had happened to her, and she fell at his  
 feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,'  
 he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go  
 in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived  
 from the house of the synagogue official to say,  
 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to  
 any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard  
 this remark of theirs and he said to the official,  
 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he  
 allowed no one to go with him except Peter and  
 James and John the brother of James. So they  
 came to the official's house and Jesus noticed  
 all the commotion, with people weeping and  
 wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to  
 them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The  
 child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed  
 at him. So he turned them all out and, taking  
 with him the child's father and mother and his  
 own companions, he went into the place where  
 the child lay. And taking the child by the hand  
 he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means,  
 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got  
 up at once and began to walk about, for she was  
 twelve years old. At this they were overcome with  
 astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not  
 to let anyone know about it, and told them to  
 give her something to eat.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.

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