



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

Sunday of the Resurrection 1 April 2018

An unusual way to celebrate Easter would be to begin by apologising to Lent (if Lent may be so personified). Without Lent, coming to an appropriate appreciation of Easter, it would be a great challenge if not an impossible one. Not that a good Easter must be "earned", for, it is after all an unmerited gift. But that the supreme goodness of Easter is such that it commands the very best of our attentiveness. Needless to say, poor Lenten performances reflect inattentiveness on our part which, in turn, reflects the likelihood that our appreciation of Easter is not going to be as great as it could be. So, I wish to say sorry to Lent; she only wanted the best for me but I remained nonchalant as usual. But all is not lost. I am beginning to see Lent as a friend and a caring one at that. Inattentiveness is a sign that we do not know how to truly look after ourselves, because, if we did, then, we would direct all our attention to the supreme good, even if at the small expense of denying our neurotic selves. What looks like denying ourselves is actually looking after ourselves; Lent is actually like a caring parent who only wants what is supremely good for us and hopes to teach us discipline precisely for that reason. The proof of this solicitous character of Lent (or the Church) is that we are all invited to share in the joy of Easter, no matter how undeserved, for quite a long season! It has always been about 'maximum joy/meaning' and not about missing out on anything truly worth living for. Learning the authentic joy that comes from the supreme good that is Easter (the risen Lord), we can hopefully continue to learn also the authentic value of self-denial. Don't worry, Lent will find us again before too long. And oh yes, before I forget, Happy Easter!

Our parish is very blessed this year to have three RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) candidates who, God willing, are already full members of the Catholic Church by the time you are reading this: Annie, Christian and Marcel. Let us wholeheartedly welcome them into our beloved faith & parish. I thank Sr Rosemary who, once again, gave herself generously to the noble cause of preparing these new members of our family, catechetically and spiritually. There are innumerable others in the parish I wish to thank as well. Easter Triduum has come upon me like a "thief in the night" and I might have died of scare had it not been for the kind people who carried out their roles ever so humbly and faithfully. Thanks to you our Easter Triduum which might not have happened! It would be hopeless of me to try to thank you enough; so, I pray that your rewards will be great in heaven. Thank you so much, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Week Ahead

Sun 1 Apr Easter Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 2 Apr Easter Week		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 3 Apr Easter Week	8:30am 9.15am 11:30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Funeral Mass Steven Mortimer
Wed 4 Apr Easter Week	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 5 Apr Easter Week	9.15pm	Mass (All School Mass)
Fri 6 Apr Easter Week	9:15am	Mass
Sat 7 Apr Easter Week	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 8 Apr Divine Mercy	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

The Gospel message that Jesus died for our sins and rose to new life is a source of joy and hope for all the world. At the same time, it is a summons to our responsibility and mission as the Lord's followers to proclaim the victory of the Risen Jesus by our lives. In Baptism, we were given a share in Christ's passover from death to life. Each of us has been called to live fully this new life in union with him and in imitation of his loving concern for the least of our brothers and sisters. In the poor, the suffering, the lonely and all those in need, we are asked to see the face of Jesus, and to become, in him, a means of redemption and hope, life and resurrection for our world. May Mary, who knew both the sufferings of the cross and the joy of the resurrection, obtain for us the grace to be united ever more fully to the Risen Lord and to reflect in our lives the reconciling and transforming power of his divine love.

Pope Francis

Please pray for...

In Loving Memory

Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, Donato Tozzi, Josephine Agius, Lambert Glaudemans & Vicky Brown, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Souter, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Carmelo Algguzzino, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Angelina Tozzi, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Maria Dos Santos, Te-reza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Pat Smith, Ugo Buracchi, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Anna & Joseph Pham, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Gail Moore, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Edward Cantwell, Carl John Sollazzo. Joseph Ovens, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Dr Slavica Markotic

Piety Stall

On sale now in the Piety Stall;

Greeting Cards – Easter, Sympathy, Mass Offering, Baptism & Christening, Thank You, Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary, Thinking of You.

The Piety Stall is open after all weekend masses, located in the main foyer of the church.

There are some **Chocolate**

Easter Lambs still available or just \$8. The proceeds support the Youth Group and the Missionary work of the Michaelite Fathers. They are available from the piety stall after all Masses each weekend and from the Parish Office from Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am-3:00pm.



Rosary Statue

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Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019

Sydney Catholic Youth are inviting you on the pilgrimage of a lifetime to Panama where you will celebrate Mass with Pope Francis and millions of young Catholics from around the world.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the Sydney pilgrimage departing on 15 January 2019 which will travel from Sydney to Washington DC, then to WYD Panama with the optional extension to travel to Mexico City. Register your interest and find out more by visiting the website www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/wyd

Mass and Blessing for People with Autism

In Celebration of Autism Awareness Month and to honour all those in our community with autism, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites you to the annual Mass and Blessing for People with Autism on:

When: Sunday 8 April 2018 at 2:00pm
Where: St Benedict's Church, Broadway

To be celebrated by Most Rev Anthony Randazzo, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

RSVPs requested by Tuesday 3 April.

To register, please contact the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on: 9307 8404 or email: LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org

St Bernadette's Parish—Carlton

These interesting and thought provoking talks continue at St Bernadette's parish in Carlton.

Details of the full programme including those of the speakers can be found in the brochures available at the Church and on the Church notice boards. Please feel free to take one.

A report on the first talk by Archbishop Fisher can be found in the Catholic Weekly (25th February) or on the Archdiocesan website. All are welcome.

Further information can be obtained by email from admin@carltonparish.org.au.

First Holy Communion Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 3 April at 7:00pm in the Church.

God's Design For Marriage Celebrating 50 years of Humane Vitae

On Tuesday 5 June at 7.30pm Director of Life Marriage and Family Centre, Chris Gordon, will speak to us on this topic in the parish hall.

What did God intend for human sexuality? What do we learn from the Genesis account of the original pair? How have couples responded to the call in Paul VI's seminal encyclical Humane Vitae to be open to life? How can we change our cultural attitudes around sex, the transmission of life, marriage, providence and babies?

All welcome. Plenty of time for questions.

Grief to Grace

Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8th – 13th 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407 704 539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

CatholicCare Sydney

Are you leaving school with 'School Leaver Employment Support' or 'Finding and Keeping a Job' in your NDIS plan?

Our team can help you make a successful transition from school to a career.

For more information call our friendly CCareline team on **13 18 19** or email us connect@catholiccare.org

DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN | 6-8 April 2018

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q & A with seminarians and discussions.

Keynote opening address with Bishop Tony Randazzo.

Where: Little Sisters of the Poor, Mt St Joseph's Home, 70 Market Street, Randwick
Cost: \$99

For more information contact us at vocations@sydneycatholic.org or **02 9307 8424**.

For program details and to register visit our website via: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/discernment-retreat-for-men-2018/>

First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

or: 1 Cor 5:6-8

Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the

linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

or: Mk 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

or at Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

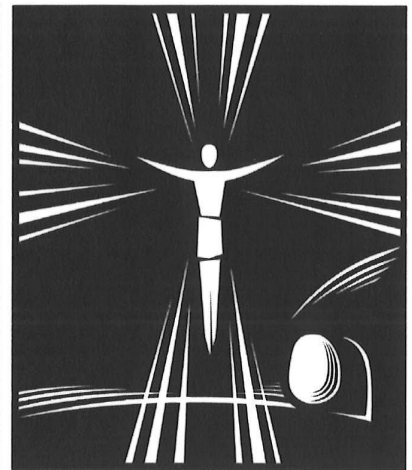
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.