



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

3rd Sunday of Easter 18 April 2021

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.' (Acts 3:17-19)

How did they not see what was right in front of their eyes? I mean what had been foretold in the scriptures regarding the manner in which salvation would arrive, namely, through the vicarious atonement of the Suffering Servant. On Good Friday, we heard the words of the prophet Isaiah, foretelling in astoundingly exact detail what Christ would undergo, centuries before it happened (Isaiah 52-53):

As the crowds were appalled on seeing him – so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human...And yet ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried...On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed...By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself...praying all the time for sinners.

In spite of good prep work on the part of God, humanity was still surprised when the salvific plan was finally carried out by Christ. Even the closest disciples of Jesus were shocked by his redemptive suffering, which he had warned them about time and time again. What blinded them then? What blinds us now? If we could order our own "bespoke" rescue package from God, how would we want it customised? What preconceived ideas do we have, in terms of what we think we need, which might be obstructing us rather than be at the service of our salvation?

Easter makes it unmistakably clear that what was deemed by God to be of utmost necessity for our salvation was, and still is, *forgiveness of sins* - 'so that your sins may be wiped out.' (Acts 3:19) No doubt, there have been times in our lives when the need for forgiveness was more evident than usual. Nevertheless, it seems that the vital importance of forgiveness is not always remembered in our hearts and minds. One of the reasons for this came up during my conversation with a couple who are only a few weeks away from getting married:

When we give "love," we tend to expect something in return. We are constantly comparing, measuring and re-adjusting so as to keep, as it were, a level playing field. Much of this happens subconsciously such that we are not even aware of the internal process which is 'transactional' in character. This means that if one person underperforms, then, the other person also drops the standard of love. The whole economy of love then shifts itself downwardly until it finds an "equilibrium." In other words, we apply the market logic even to the art of love and think that that is normal, instead of looking for that which can prevent the befalling of the greatest tragedy, namely, forgiveness. Only forgiveness can save us from the slow death of love, by enabling us to love afresh as though nothing has happened, as though we were choosing to love for the very first time, every single time, unconcerned about whether or not our love would be reciprocated. And that is how God chose to save us, through a love pure enough to forgive the sins of the whole world a thousand times over!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 18 April 3rd Sunday Easter	8.30am 10.00am	No need to book for Mass
Mon 19 April		No Mass
Tue 20 April	9.15am	Mass
Wed 21 April	7am	Mass
Thu 22 April	9.15pm	Mass
Fri 23 April	9.15am 10:30am	Mass One year anniversary Mass for Pietro Banno
Sat 24 April	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am 4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 25 April 4th Sunday Easter	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass



MUSIC MINISTRY ALL WELCOME

**The Sunday 8:30am choir
which has been
established for over 40
years is now seeking
volunteers to continue the
music ministry at mass.**

**If you play the piano/any
other instrument or would
like to sing please email
Natasha -
nat_demel@live.com.au or
0402785196**

**THE CHOIR REHEARSES
ON TUESDAY EVENINGS**



Thursday 2pm afternoon tea is back!

Recently Deceased

Madeleine Raftery, Chris Byrne, Anna Madau, William Cheung

In Loving Memory

Bob Handerson, Ugo Buracchi, Mary Crawford, Pietro Banno, Edward Cantwell, Spiro & Josephine Bajada

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Mildred Petit, Glen Chater, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Peter Peters, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann Mc Dowell, Christopher McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Pat Mortimer, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

Rosary Statue

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I wrote the following in the parish bulletin
on 31 March 2019 :

Safeguarding and Sacristy

In the current climate - when the shadows of sexual abuse within the Church still loom large – we ought to minimize reasons for concern about children's safety. Accordingly, as a general principle, we would do well to ensure that there are at least two adult supervisors whenever children are on church premises. Therefore I ask that our readers, whenever physically possible, gather in the sacristy before and after Mass, for as long as children are still around, and be part of the procession and recession. Also, a parent or two of our altar servers are encouraged to accompany the children in the sacristy before and after Mass in order to strengthen the safeguarding measures. In my view the sacristy is an open space which anyone can approach at anytime respectfully. Thank you for your cooperation. Let us all become more conscious of the need for vigilance so that our parish can become a truly safe place for children and any unnecessary doubt can be dispelled.

– Fr Peter –

I wish to re-emphasise the importance of safeguarding. I would add that when it comes to safeguarding in the sacristy, the role of supervision is perhaps best done by the parents (at least one of them) - you're not only welcome but also needed there!



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

29 March 2021

Dear Parishioners,

The Archdiocese of Sydney has been made aware of court proceedings relating to a minor and involving a volunteer at the parish of Regina Coeli. The volunteer has stood aside from all duties pending the outcome of those proceedings.

Noting that all Australians are entitled to the presumption of innocence, as parishioners of Regina Coeli, it is important that you are informed when allegations resulting in a person standing aside are received. The purpose of this notice is to assure you that steps have been taken to ensure there are no risks at the Parish, and to provide you with information that you may find of assistance.

Information and support

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Karen Larkman, Director of Safeguarding and Ministerial Office on 02 9390 5810, or the Vicar General on 02 9390 5185.

If you have concerns relating to the abuse of a child please contact the Child Protection Helpline on 132 111.

Pastoral support

If you or your family requires pastoral support, please contact your parish priest, Fr Peter Kwak.

Confidentiality and privacy

Please be assured we are taking steps to keep you safe. At the same time, we hope you will understand the need for confidentiality in dealing with this matter so that the privacy of those concerned is protected and the proceedings can ensue without interference. Until the proceedings are complete, any steps taken by the Archdiocese to ensure its parishioners are safe on the basis of a risk assessment should not be considered as an indication that the alleged conduct actually occurred.

Yours sincerely

Very Rev Dr Gerald Gleeson

Vicar General

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First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:35-48

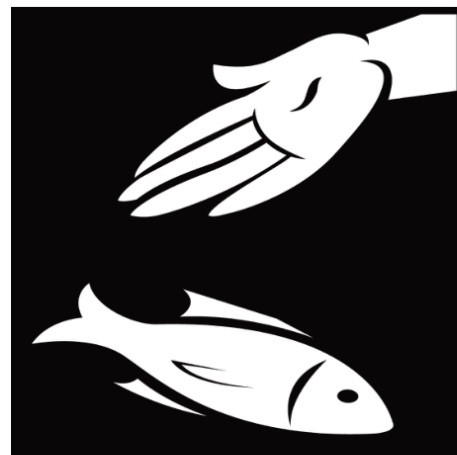
It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.