



# 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



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### Easter Sunday 4 April 2021

Holy Week 2021 started with Palm Sunday. I was tempted to introduce the day as 'Palm Sunday without palms' because it dawned on me at the last minute that I had forgotten to organise branches of any kind, let alone palm branches. So, a few hours before the first of the Masses started, I spent some time cutting olive branches with a pair of scissors from the kitchen. These were collected in a small box so as to provide a tokenistic amount of olive branches to parishioners at Mass. And then I was surprised by joy because, when I got to the church, I found out that someone had placed an enormous box of olive branches at the door (thank you!) - enough to serve a cluster of parishes! The 10am Mass next day reminded me of something I had nearly forgotten - what it was like to have a church so crowded that some people had to stand outside!

Holy Thursday had a quiet beginning, with no parish mass in the morning. I headed toward the city for the Chrism Mass with the Archbishop and fellow Sydney clergy. I felt slightly conflicted because, on the one hand, I wanted to be at this meaningful occasion where, among other things, my priestly promises would be renewed; but, on the other hand, I knew that many hours would have passed by the time I returned to the parish, leaving me less time to prepare for Easter Triduum. And then I was surprised by joy, again, because, when I returned to the church in the afternoon, the chapel of Our Lady had been transformed into an exquisite altar of repose, thanks to a kind and creative duo (who would go on to do the same for Easter). I knew that, with such a strikingly beautiful altar of repose, our Holy Thursday celebration was already a success.

To say that I was surprised by the turnout at the Mass of the Lord's Supper would be an understatement. To the best of my recollection, Holy Thursday celebrations weren't overly popular even before the pandemic. But the turnout this year for Holy Thursday actually seemed to surpass the pre-corona numbers and comfortably so. Perhaps it was the fact that congregational singing was now permitted, but the people's responses were the strongest I had heard in a long while. What was going on? I couldn't put my finger on it but it seemed that something was definitely up. Rumour has it that other parishes also had the similar experience of being delightfully surprised by the greater-than-expected-turnouts over Easter Triduum. I said to my priest friends that, given that we didn't really have Easter last year (except via screens), it was as though Catholics were returning with vengeance this year!

Perhaps our musicians had anticipated all of this because music has been superb! I got to see the list of all the songs they were singing over Easter Triduum and felt dizzy just looking at the sheer magnitude of what they had prepared. Good Friday Stations of the Cross was expertly put together by Elizabeth Gooley, even though I hadn't given her much notice. I think it safe to say that children were a little disappointed that the Way of the Cross was not re-enacted this year; nevertheless, the quality of the content was second to none! *Continued on Page 3*

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 4 April</b> Easter Sunday	8.30am 10.00am	<b>No need to book for Mass</b>
<b>Mon 5 April</b>		No Mass
<b>Tue 6 April</b>	9.15am	Mass
<b>Wed 7 April</b>	7am	Mass
<b>Thu 8 April</b>	9.15pm	Mass
<b>Fri 9 April</b>	9.15am	Mass
<b>Sat 10 April</b>	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
<b>Sun 11 April</b> 2nd Sunday Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

## Excerpts from the eulogy by the sons Brendan and Stephen Byrne:



*[Chris Byrne] was born on the 19th January 1925 to Christopher and Mary Byrne. He served his country in World War II, enlisting in the Royal Australian Air Force and seeing active duty in New Guinea...Following demobilisation, Dad began to reintegrate by attending YWCA dances...Dad was charming, light on his feet and had a great sense of rhythm. Standing out from the crowd thus, it did not take long for him to come to the attention of a young Joan Jenkins, herself a highly talented ballet and social dancer. Romance blossomed and they married at Mary Immaculate Waverley on 3rd November 1951.*

*He and Mum worked multiple jobs for years to build their dream home at Beverly Hills in 1956. They lived there until Mum's passing in 2012 and until Dad entered aged care in 2016. Dad called it their castle and to him, that's what it was. It gave them the means to raise a family. That was their dream - they wanted nothing more.*

*Mum and Dad sacrificed a great deal to give us excellent educations and expose us to opportunities that were beyond their own reach. They passed on their deep faith and encouraged us to keep God central in our lives. They taught us to put family first, to be grateful for our blessings, and to never take peace, prosperity or our country for granted.*

*He enthusiastically supported any cause that assisted those in need or helped to spread faith. He served Regina Coeli as an acolyte for 27 years and conducted charitable and fundraising activities for St Vincent de Paul, the Knights of the Southern Cross, Serra, the Vietnamese nuns and the Sisters of St Joseph. He was a man who truly lived what he believed...And he always acknowledged that what he achieved was only possible because of the endless encouragement and assistance he received from Joan. Dad could always rely on Joan, his rock and his soulmate, to keep him anchored and to keep him busy. They made a wonderful team, providing great foils for each other. Of course no marriage is perfect and Mum and Dad had their fair share of successes and setbacks, joys and heartaches. But they were perfect for each other and with a little help from above, they always found a way. When Dad spoke on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary in 2011, he said:*

*"People often ask me the secret to a long and successful marriage. I tell them it is simple. When we got married Joan and I agreed that since I was the man of the house, I would make all of the important decisions and she would make the unimportant ones. And it's a funny thing but in 60 years of marriage no important decisions have been needed."*

## Recently Deceased

Chris Byrne, Anna Madau, William Cheung

## In Loving Memory

Luigi Carvin, Giuseppe Graniero

## 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.

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By the time of Commemoration of the Passion at 3pm, I was rather happy about my poor eyesight which allowed me to gaze vaguely at the sea of worshipers, without precise counting, trusting that whatever we had were exactly the right numbers ;)

I am immensely relieved that at least someone has been working hard (since the same could not be said about me) - one who, with great patience and creativity, has been looking for ways to awaken in the hearts of the faithful the desire to reconnect. No doubt, this has been a slow process; it did not happen overnight. For us to renew our appreciation of the infinite value of our relationship with the Lord probably took longer than the longest lockdown in the world. Everyone has a story and a unique one at that. But all stories probably bear some resemblance to the story of Easter Triduum: dying followed by rising. A taste of misery is a blessing in disguise because it is a salutary reminder to us of not just the pain of our wounded communion but also the joy of reconciliation awaiting us just around the corner, if only we can look up and trust! This is indeed a very happy time to be a people of faith. The joy of Easter has been brought to us, not by our own effort, but as an undeniable gift from above. Happy Easter! - Fr Peter -

*Congratulations to these new Catholics - the Magnificent Seven! They shall be in our prayers for quite some time to come - it's an Easter thing ;)*



### Bless your home with Easter Holy Water!

Thanks to a parishioner who wishes not to be named (she was also behind the Christmas Candle Project last year, thank you!), there is a gift pack for each household to take home with them: a bottle of Easter Holy Water & prayer cards.

Hopefully you will gather as a family, make the sign of the cross, recite the prayer of blessing (on the back of the prayer card) and then go around and sprinkle your home with the holy water.



May all our hearts and all our families be renewed during this joyful season of Easter. May the gift of holiness which flows out of our heartfelt connection with the Lord become the object of our greatest aspirations. Happy Easter!

### Paschal Candle 2021

The parish did not buy a paschal candle in 2020, mostly because all churches were in lockdown over Easter and I thought that not having an updated paschal candle might be a good reminder of what had happened. But one small benefit from this was that the parish saved some money. After all, paschal candles tend to be dearer than expected.

Just when I was about to purchase a paschal candle for this year, I received an email from Danielle who works at the Rockdale branch of Guardian Funerals. She was offering to purchase a paschal candle for us! I told her that the kind gesture would be extra appreciated by our parishioners, especially after the fast of last year! Thank you, Danielle and Guardian Funerals, for a truly generous and practical gift, and the most beautiful one at that!





## 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.*

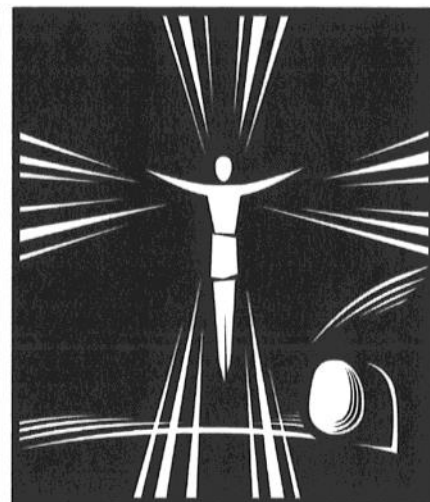
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said 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 mystical 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.

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