



# 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



## The Epiphany of the Lord 2 January 2022

Joy came under threat this Christmas, with confusion in the minds of many regarding in what spirit they ought to celebrate Christmas, if it was appropriate at all to *celebrate*. If the case numbers were an absolute measure of how well we were doing (which, I believe, they are not), then, we might never have been in greater trouble. Still fresh in our memory was the long lockdown which, at first, set out to achieve zero cases, before evolving into a conditional lockdown based on vaccination rates. With the rise of the double-vaxxed ("fully-vaxxed" in those days) the case numbers seemed to decline, although they were far from eliminated when the lockdown ended. It was ok then to talk about 'living with the virus.'

However, many still felt uncomfortable. After all, it wasn't all that long ago when the premiers used to say things like, 'Stay home unless it is absolutely necessary' or 'You only get one chance to go hard and go fast. If you wait, if you hesitate, if you doubt, then you will always be looking back wishing you had done more earlier.' So, many felt a sense of incongruity about being out of lockdown when the case numbers were higher than ever before. No doubt, all this caused anxiety, even fear, in their hearts, placing serious strain on the joy of Christmas. Consequently, for two years in a row, cancellation or minimisation became fashionable at Christmas, which inevitably felt somewhat subdued.

The 6PM Vigil Mass, which used to be "standing room only," did not fill up. Was this now the new "normal"? Nevertheless, a good number of children were involved in acting out the nativity story. As a matter of fact, there were new actors and enhanced confidence from those who were more experienced. The 8PM Vigil Mass was attended well enough for me to conclude that putting on this extra Mass had been definitely worth the effort. The midnight Mass was a little different this year, going even dimmer than in previous years, by minimising the use of electrical lights and relying mostly on candles. No one fell over.

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## The Week Ahead

Sun 2 January Epiphany	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 3 January	No Mass
Tue 4 January	9.15am Mass
Wed 5 January	7am Mass
Thu 6 January	9.15am Mass
Fri 7 January	9.15am Mass
Sat 8 January	9.00am Mass
	9:25- Adoration
	9:55am & Reconciliation
	4:15- Reconciliation
	4:45pm Vigil Mass
Sun 9 January Baptism of the Lord	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Dorothy Browne, Kathleen Coleman, Gabriel Stanghieri, David Brown, Bill Gately, June Roebuck, Bradley Murphy, Bernie Langtry, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

### In Loving Memory

Barbara Chater, Michelle Makin, Peter Pezzutti, Valerie Zacka, Ron & Steven Xuereb, Josephine & Spiro Bajada, Giuseppe Graniro, Garry Langridge

### Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzina, Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, 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.

## Safety rules regarding Mass attendance

The latest rules:

- Please sign in for contact tracing
- Mask-wearing is (again) required.
- Practise social distancing where possible
- Max. capacity is 260 according to the 2 square metre rule
- There is no need to make a booking
- Congregational singing is discouraged

PS: Some might not feel ready to return to Mass yet due to health concerns. Holy Communion can be brought to you (please contact the parish office). Alternatively, you could start gradually by attending one or more of the weekday Masses where social distancing is never an issue.



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Yes, it is true that there were many families who did not attend Mass over Christmas. I hope that they still looked for ways to celebrate Christmas religiously. But it is also true that a good number of them did make it to Mass. Somehow they were granted enough conviction to help them get there, a fact of which might have been a small miracle in itself. So, there are reasons to rejoice and be grateful. I certainly felt surprised by the joy of having gone through Christmas and still feeling ok, not exhausted!

A number of volunteer turned up to more than one Christmas Mass, so that entire congregations could benefit from their dedicated service. Everyone who made our Christmas celebrations possible again this year - another very strange year - have been heroic, especially in times of need. As I have said a few times before, I cannot thank them enough! - Fr Peter -

## Rosary Statue

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**Last Weekend**  
**26 December 2021**  
**(Christmas included)**

**2nd Collection \$2515.80**

1st Collection \$1279.10





### *Journey of the Magi by T.S. Eliot*

"A cold coming we had of it,  
 Just the worst time of the year  
 For a journey, and such a long journey:  
 The ways deep and the weather sharp,  
 The very dead of winter."  
 And the camels galled, sore-footed, refractory,  
 Lying down in the melting snow.  
 There were times we regretted  
 The summer palaces on slopes, the terraces,  
 And the silken girls bringing sherbet.  
 Then the camel men cursing and grumbling  
 And running away, and wanting their liquor and women,  
 And the night-fires going out, and the lack of shelters,  
 And the cities hostile and the towns unfriendly  
 And the villages dirty and charging high prices:  
 A hard time we had of it.  
 At the end we preferred to travel all night,  
 Sleeping in snatches,  
 With the voices singing in our ears, saying  
 That this was all folly.  
 Then at dawn we came down to a temperate valley,  
 Wet, below the snow line, smelling of vegetation;  
 With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness,  
 And three trees on the low sky,  
 And an old white horse galloped away in the meadow.  
 Then we came to a tavern with vine-leaves over the lintel,  
 Six hands at an open door dicing for pieces of silver,  
 And feet kicking the empty wine-skins.  
 But there was no information, and so we continued  
 And arrived at evening, not a moment too soon  
 Finding the place; it was (you may say) satisfactory.  
 All this was a long time ago, I remember,  
 And I would do it again, but set down  
 This set down  
 This: were we led all that way for  
 Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly,  
 We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death,  
 But had thought they were different; this Birth was  
 Hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death.  
 We returned to our places, these Kingdoms,  
 But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation,  
 With an alien people clutching their gods.  
 I should be glad of another death.

### Peakhurst Men's Mental Health Walk & Talk

About a year ago, several men from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church at Peakhurst started a "Mental Health" walking group for men. The group is for men and boys 15 and over to meet, walk and have a chat.

The group walks around Gannons Park with various distances from 1.3km upto 5km. Their motto is "No one walks alone" and no matter how slow you walk, there will always be someone with you.

Anyone interested, just come along. The group meet in the carpark of Our Lady of Fatima Church carpark, corner of Isaac Street and Forest Road Peakhurst at about 5:45pm on Thursdays for a 6:00pm start.

All men are invited to come along. Wife can encourage their husbands to come.

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## THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH,  
IN YOU WE CONTEMPLATE  
THE SPLENDOUR OF TRUE LOVE;  
TO YOU WE TURN WITH TRUST.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,  
GRANT THAT OUR FAMILIES TOO  
MAY BE PLACES OF COMMUNION AND PRAYER,  
AUTHENTIC SCHOOLS OF THE GOSPEL  
AND SMALL DOMESTIC CHURCHES.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,  
MAY FAMILIES NEVER AGAIN EXPERIENCE  
VIOLENCE, REJECTION AND DIVISION;  
MAY ALL WHO HAVE BEEN HURT OR SCANDALIZED  
FIND READY COMFORT AND HEALING.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,  
MAKE US ONCE MORE MINDFUL  
OF THE SACREDNESS AND INVIOABILITY OF THE FAMILY,  
AND ITS BEAUTY IN GOD'S PLAN.

BY POPE FRANCIS

## First Reading Is 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light  
has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.  
Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;  
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11**

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will  
adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same  
inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been  
entrusted by God with the grace he meant  
for you, and that it was by a revelation that  
I was given the knowledge of the mystery.  
This mystery that has now been revealed

through the Spirit to his holy apostles and  
prophets was unknown to any men in past  
generations; it means that pagans now  
share the same inheritance, that they are  
parts of the same body, and that the same  
promise has been made to them, in Christ  
Jesus, through the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We have seen his star in the East;  
and have come to adore the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in  
Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some  
wise men came to Jerusalem from the east.  
'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they  
asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have  
come to do him homage.' When King Herod  
heard this he was perturbed, and so was  
the whole of Jerusalem. He called together  
all the chief priests and the scribes of the  
people, and enquired of them where the  
Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in  
Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the  
prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the  
leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to  
see him privately. He asked them the exact  
date on which the star had appeared, and  
sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find  
out all about the child,' he said 'and when  
you have found him, let me know, so that  
I too may go and do him homage.' Having  
listened to what the king had to say, they  
set out. And there in front of them was the  
star they had seen rising; it went forward  
and halted over the place where the child  
was. The sight of the star filled them with  
delight, and going into the house they saw  
the child with his mother Mary, and falling  
to their knees they did him homage. Then,  
opening their treasures, they offered him  
gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.  
But they were warned in a dream not to go  
back to Herod, and returned to their own  
country by a different way.

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.