



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

**2nd Sunday of Lent
13 March 2022**

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

As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do. - Isaiah 55:10-11 -

Until a few days ago, on account of rarely watching the news these days, I was not aware of the magnitude of the damage done to the flooded areas in NSW. The fact that there must have been and still is sadness & suffering on an immense scale finally started to dawn on me. Our prayers go out to those who have been severely affected by the floods, as well as to the victims of localised home-flooding in our own area.

There has been so much rain during the season which they seem to call 'La Niña' which has unleashed probably more quantity of rain than what many of us thought was possible. But for the trees and flowers! For them the past month must have felt like a year of jubilee, as evidenced by the grass which look like awkwardly lanky teenagers who have grown up too quickly.

Just as we are certain that there is going to be grass to be mowed after a plentitude of rain, so we can be even more certain of the power of God's grace to succeed in what it was sent to do, namely, to bring us consolation, healing, nourishment, regeneration, etc. Therefore what we want to do is to look up with an open heart and to soak in the rain of God's grace without resisting it.

Come to think of it, the three Lenten observances of praying, fasting and almsgiving are intended precisely to open us up from within to that which comes from above. After all, there is improvement to be made on the part of the receiver, not the Giver. What is most pressing for us is to be gifted with 'a broken, humbled heart' - the perfect soil on which the new life of grace can thrive.

Speaking of Lenten observances, here is an idea for almsgiving: I am sure that most people know better than I do how terribly Lismore has been flooded. I was shocked to see a picture of the Lismore cathedral (where I visited as a seminarian) submerged in a way I did not think could happen. The Diocese of Lismore has started an appeal for the flood victims in Lismore. I believe that this could be a very worthy cause to support, especially as a form of Lenten almsgiving:

- You can donate directly (more detail on page 3)
- Or you can donate through the wishing well at Regina Coeli (from next week, over three weekends, to be looked after by the ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society)

For those who wish to stay with the familiar form of Lenten almsgiving, for example, Project Compassion boxes are also available at the doors. - Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 13 March 2nd Sunday of Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 14 March	No Mass
Tue 15 March	9.15am Mass with Year 4 Reconciliation Year 6
Wed 16 March	7am Mass 9am School Mass
Thu 17 March St Patrick	9.15am Mass
Fri 18 March	9.15am Mass
Sat 19 March St Joseph	9.00am Mass 9:25- Stations of the Cross 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 20 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass (Kindergarten Family Welcome Mass)

THURSDAY AFTERNOON TEA (2-4PM) IS BACK

Recently Deceased

Patricia McMellon, Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gloria Fisher, Gennaro Sacco, Dorothy Browne, Kathleen Coleman, David Brown, Bill Gately

In Loving Memory

Giuseppe Graniero, The Hayes Family, Anna Maria Cicuto, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Giacomo Campisi, Bernie Orbell, Barbara Bubnij

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, 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.

Rosary Statue

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2021 National
Church Life
Survey

Every adult is strongly encouraged to take home a survey, complete it and then bring it back the following weekend. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. There is a separate survey for children 8-14 years. They too are encouraged to give it a go!

Final Week!

Regina's church code: TAS01401

Online Survey: attendersurvey.ncls.org.au

Once the surveys at Regina Coeli have been compiled and then produced as a report by NCLS Research, then, I will endeavour to share with parishioners as much of the report as possible! Thank you very much for your participation. Let's see what new insights the survey might have in store for us!

Online Renewal Series 2021-2022

RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION

How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes

Can We Make Disciples Today? Evangelising with the Holy Spirit

Live online with

Fr Jacques Philippe

Wednesday 23 March
7 - 8:30pm

GO MAKE DISCIPLES
Registration and information
gomakedisciples.org.au

Prayer for Those Affected by the Floods:

*God of compassion,
You created a world for us
To know your love and peace
Yet amidst the beauty of creation
We encounter pain and hurt
And forces beyond our control.
At times like this our hearts are shaken and ache
with sorrow
At the destruction of our lives, homes and livelihoods.
Hear our prayers for those affected by the floods
And for all those working
To bring relief and fresh hope.
Amen*

Last Weekend 6 March 2022

2nd Collection \$1730.70

1st Collection \$434.15

Attendance

5PM	~125+
8.30AM	~90
10AM	~95
Total	~310



The Catholic faith of Ireland today was linked, in God's plan, to the fidelity of Saint Patrick. And tomorrow? Yes, tomorrow some part of God's plan will be linked to your fidelity—to the fervour with which you say yes to God's word in your lives...By God's grace you will understand more and more every day how God requires and accepts your fidelity as a condition for the supernatural effectiveness of all your activity.

The supreme expression of fidelity will come with your irrevocable and total self-giving in union with Jesus Christ to his Father. And may our Blessed Mother Mary help you to make this gift acceptable. Remember Saint Patrick. Remember what the fidelity of just one man has meant for Ireland and the world. Yes, dear sons and brothers, fidelity to Jesus Christ and to his word makes all the difference in the world. Let us therefore look up to Jesus, who is for all time the Faithful Witness of the Father.

- St Pope John Paul II to Irish seminarians in 1979 -

The Diocese of Lismore 2022 Flood Appeal

The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW.

The Diocese of Lismore today launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to:

BSB: **037-889**

Account No: **1061 5829**

Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal**

Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au.



Right: St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore

St Joseph and Silence by Pope Francis

The Gospels do not contain a single word uttered by Joseph of Nazareth: nothing, he never spoke... With his silence, Joseph confirms what Saint Augustine writes: “To the extent that the *Word* — the Word made man — grows in us, words diminish”... Joseph’s silence is not mutism; it is a silence full of *listening*, an *industrious* silence, a silence that brings out his great interiority. “The Father spoke a word, and it was his Son”, comments Saint John of the Cross, — “and it always speaks in eternal silence, and in silence it must be heard by the soul.”

How good it would be if each one of us, following the example of Saint Joseph, were able to recover this *contemplative dimension of life, opened wide in silence*. But we all know from experience that it is not easy: silence frightens us a little, because it asks us to delve into ourselves and to confront the part of us that is most true... The philosopher Pascal observed that “all the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact, that they cannot stay quietly in their own chamber”.

Without practising silence, our tongue can also ail. Instead of making the truth shine, it can become a dangerous weapon. Indeed, our words can become flattery, vainglory, lies, backbiting and slander... often we work on something and when we finish, we immediately look for our telephone to do something else... we are always like this. And this does not help, this makes us slip into superficiality. Profoundness of the heart grows with silence...

Silence will do us so much good. And the benefit to our hearts will also heal our tongue, our words and above all our choices. In fact, Joseph *combined silence with action*... Silence, speaking in the right way, and at times biting your tongue a little, which is good for you instead of saying foolish things. Let us conclude with a prayer:

**Saint Joseph, man of silence,
you who in the Gospel did not utter a single word,
teach us to fast from vain words,
to rediscover the value of words that edify, encourage, console and support.
Be close to those who suffer from words that hurt,
like slander and backbiting,
and help us always to match words with deeds. Amen.**

First Reading Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

**Second Reading Phil 3:17 – 4:1
or Phil 3:20 – 4:1 (shorter form)**

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice
is heard:**

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Lk 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

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