



# 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

### 1st Sunday of Lent 6 March 2022

Lent or "Lent-likeness" seems to be at the beginning of all good things. For example, the pain of labour comes before the joy of a newborn child; sacrificial work of preparation sets the scene for a great party; self-control conduces to the kind of happiness which lasts a long time, etc. After all, only God can make something truly good and Lent prepares us for the good that God wishes to bring about for us. Therefore it is hardly surprising that Lent or Lent-likeness should be like a prerequisite for what is truly great! Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen once wrote:

*Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.*

We love Lent, not for its own sake, but for what it can prepare us for, namely, *contact* with the Divine! For this reason Jesus once defended his disciples for not fasting because, after all, they were already in contact with the One for whose sake they were supposed to fast in the first place. Fast, so as to renew your contact with the Heavenly Bridegroom! Now, before it is too late! It simply isn't true that our opportunities for Lent are unlimited. Every Lent is precious and worth fighting for!

The Ash Wednesday Masses were well attended. Perhaps we could say that the turnout was even remarkable, especially given the ceaseless downpour which has been providing us with no shortage of incentives for staying home. One particular family were shocked and disappointed that they could not come to Mass because, on account of a family member who had just tested positive to COVID, they had to self-isolate all of a sudden. So, for the first time in my life, I participated in the service of what might be called "Uber-ashes." A number of others requested if they could take ashes for their loved ones who were unable to attend church.

I crossed paths with a parishioner on one of the many rainy days. He smiled and asked if I was familiar with the story about forty days and forty nights of rain. In hindsight, I could have replied with: 'Funny you should say that because our church, turned upside down, would look like Noah's Ark!' There is going to be a wedding during the week at Regina Coeli. The couple expressed their concern about the potential for another downpour on their wedding day. But they have cancelled three times already due to the pandemic. The wedding will go ahead, they said, even in case of a flood. So I assured them that they would be safe in the Ark of Regina Coeli!

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

**Sun 6 March**  
1st Sunday of Lent

8.30am Mass  
10.00am Mass

**Mon 7 March**

No Mass

**Tue 8 March**

9.15am Mass

**Wed 9 March**

7am Mass

**Thu 10 March**

9.15am Mass

**Fri 11 March**

9.15am Mass

**Sat 12 March**

9.00am Mass  
9:25- Adoration  
9:55am & Reconciliation  
4:15- Reconciliation  
4:45pm Vigil Mass  
5pm

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

8.30am Mass  
10.00am Mass



Our Lady of Ukraine(?)

### Recently Deceased

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

### In Loving Memory

Giacomo Campisi, Bernie Orbell, Barbara Bubnij, Carmelo Algozzino, Josephine & Spiro Bajada, Maria Addolorata Tesoriero, Salvatore Russo, Barbara Chater

### 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

**Mrs J. Vincent**  
14 Warrawee Place  
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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!

Regina's church code: TAS01401

Online Survey: [attendersurvey.ncls.org.au](http://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!

### Catechists Needed

Presently, in our parish 8 catechists teach approximately 120 children (2021 figures) in two local primary schools. We attend Beverly Hills North Public School on Wednesday mornings and Narwee Public School on Thursday mornings. The lessons run for thirty minutes. The curriculum, lesson plans and student activity books are provided. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) also runs necessary courses to prepare and assist us with our teaching.

At this stage we are in need of catechists at Narwee Public School on Thursday at 10.05am, and Beverly Hills North on Wednesday at 11.25am. If you have a little time and are interested in becoming a catechist or a catechist helper, please speak to Fr. Peter, me or contact the Parish office.

- Thank you, Elizabeth Gooley, Catechist Coordinator -

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TBC  
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&  
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**REC**  
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**Last Weekend**  
**13 February 2022**

**2nd Collection \$1141.70**

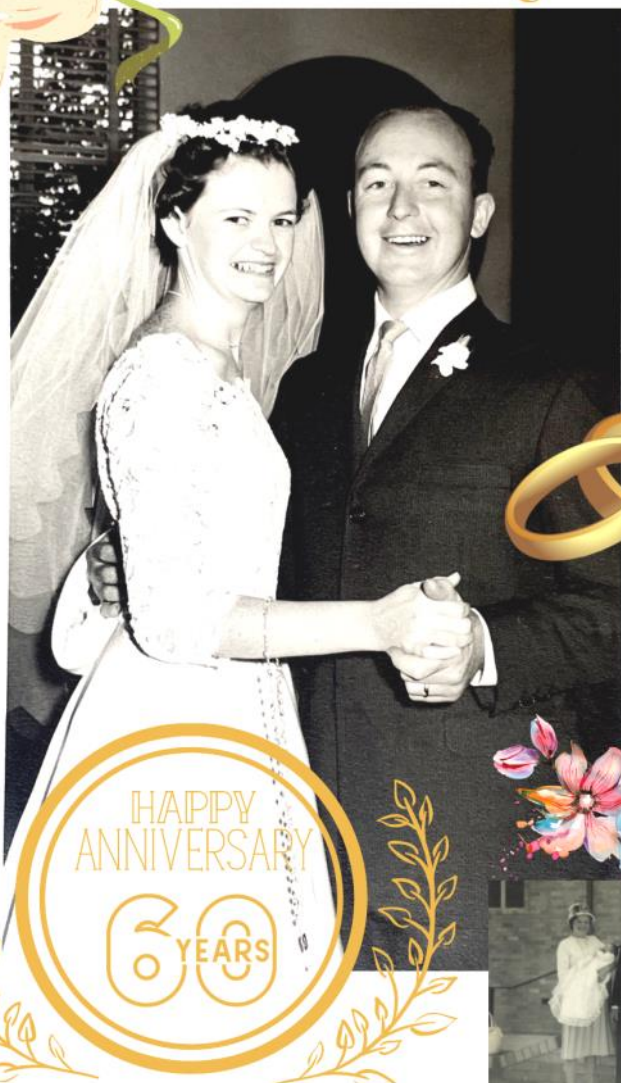
1st Collection \$616.25

### Attendance

5PM	~100+
8.30AM	~90
10AM	~125
<b>Total</b>	<b>~315</b>



# Mary & Barry



*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, 1962, Barry Daniels and Mary Burgess were united in Holy Matrimony at St Raphael's Catholic Church, South Hurstville. They settled in Bevery Hills where they raised 4 children, 3 sons and a daughter. The family has continued to grow and they are now blessed with 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.*

*Throughout the years they have born witness to the growth of Regina Coeli as a parish, with their children attending the local primary school and their eldest son being one of the first babies baptised in the current church that exists today.*

*Their love and devotion to each other and to God is one of the secrets to their enduring 60 years of marriage. Their special occasion was celebrated by renewing their wedding vows and a celebration lunch surrounded by their loving family.*

In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience our need for mercy, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent.

## DAYS OF PENANCE

**1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain. 2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary. (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television. (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.**

**- Archbishop Fisher -**

**First Reading Dt 26:4-10**

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15**

**(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 10:8-13**

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe

in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone,**

**but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**Gospel Lk 4:1-13**

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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