



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter 1 May 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



There was no Mass at Regina Coeli last Monday as per usual. But this was no ordinary Monday. It was ANZAC Day! I must admit, when I first realised that ANZAC Day fell on Monday this year all that registered on my mind was the fact that a long weekend was coming up, marking the end of school holidays. But then I found out that a priest friend of mine, whose parish also has no Monday Mass, was intending to offer a special Mass for ANZAC Day. This got me thinking: by what standard should I decide when to celebrate public Mass on a Monday (my day-off)?

There are some feast days in the Church which rank very highly in terms of solemnity e.g. St Joseph, Our Lady Help of Christians, etc. But when these fall on a weekday, as they usually do, they hardly seem to attract more than the usual crowd of daily mass-goers. Of course, ANZAC Day, being a public holiday, has the potential for drawing a larger congregation. But in the end my thought process was such that I concluded that:

- It was OK not to have public Mass last Monday.
- A brief ANZAC ceremony (The Ode & the Last Post followed by the Australian Anthem) at the end of Sunday Mass might be sufficient.

It was only in hindsight that I realised what should have been obvious from the beginning, namely, the fact that Regina Coeli is a war memorial church (apparently, one of only six war memorial churches in Australia, according to a parishioner). Furthermore, the current geo-political climate of conflict and tension might have heightened the significance of war memorial churches.

It is probably true to say that, over the years at Regina Coeli, the fact of being a war memorial church has become less remembered and more forgotten; it might have become almost an accidental feature of the church rather than an essential one. However, perhaps that is not good enough and the onus should be on the current parish priest (and the current generation of parishioners) to remember and promote the heritage of Regina Coeli.

Here is one thing which will help me in my future deliberations: knowing that there is interest and demand for a special celebration on the part of parishioners. For example, the feast days of St Mary Mackillop, Assumption and Regina Coeli all fall on a Monday this year. I know the school will attend if there is Mass. This provides me with compelling reasons to celebrate public mass even if on three consecutive Mondays. I am very interested in those who might wish to contribute to, for example, the project of reclaiming the identity of Regina Coeli as a war memorial church. It so happens that next Sunday is Coral Sea Sunday (as well as being Mother's Day) and a 80 year anniversary at that! I hope to acknowledge this in some meaningful way, and somehow simultaneously do the same for Mother's Day!

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 1 May 3rd Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 2 May St Athanasius	No Mass
Tue 3 May Sts Philip & James	9.15am Mass 9.45am Reconciliation with Yr4
Wed 4 May	7am Mass 9am School Mass I 10am School Mass II
Thu 5 May	9.15am Mass
Fri 6 May	9.15am Mass
Sat 7 May	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 8 May 4th Sunday Easter Mother's Day Coral Sea Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

THURSDAY AFTERNOON TEA (2-4PM) IS BACK

Recently Deceased

Thomas Venket Raju, Maureen Stapleton
Giuseppa Campagna, Patricia McMellon, Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gloria Fisher, Gennaro Sacco

In Loving Memory

Ugo Burracchi, Tabita Lindarti, Irene Hall, Ariel Fiorini, Tarcisius Sujono Setio Kunoro, Mary Crawford, Jimmy Simmons, Giuseppe Graniero, The Hayes Family

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Lucy Andaloro, 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 Came-

Rosary Statue

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Clothing Drive



St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive dates for 2022

MAY	7
AUGUST	6
NOVEMBER	5

The St Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive will commence again on Saturday 7th May 2022.

Please place bags out by 8:00am on Saturday 7th May in a place where they can be seen from the street. This will help our collectors which will be most appreciated.

Thank you for your continuing support of our Clothing Drives it is greatly appreciated.



A reminder for Mother's Day

On Mother's Day we have a beautiful tradition here of placing flowers on the altar of Our Lady for Mary (our spiritual mother) as well as for the deceased mothers. A simple flower will do. Please keep this in mind for next week!

Last Weekend
24 April 2022

2nd Collection \$1269.40

1st Collection \$723.90

Attendance

5PM	87
8.30AM	121
10AM	~125
Total	~333



REGINA COELI Playgroup

For all children 0-pre Kindergarten

Get ready to play, learn & connect together

Every Thursday (during the school term)
Parish Hall
(across from Regina Coeli church)
Ponyara Road Beverly Hills
from 9am - 10.30am
Gold coin donation for coffee and tea.

Please pack:

- Healthy morning tea
- bottle of water

All children need to be accompanied by an adult

For any questions please contact ivana.naglic@syd.catholic.edu.au
Family Educator at Regina Coeli

family & faith



+ Thomas Venket RAJU

Thomas RAJU Passed away on the 25th of April 2022. Thomas was a kind, loving and a caring Soul. And today, Thomas has left behind, wife Josephine, his 3 brothers and 4 sisters, 9 Nephews 8 nieces. Thank you Mama for all you have done. You will be sadly missed and always remain in our hearts. You have made us proud.



The **next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal** will be held on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of May. Your generosity will benefit the good works of the Good Shepherd Seminary, our chaplaincies, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, CatholicCare, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, and so much more. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithhourworks.org/cwf

Nominate your Parish Hero!*

For the past 100 years, our parishes have been the cornerstones of local Australian communities. It's those special people that help make our nation thrive. As we move into the 21st century, who are the people in your parish that stand out and make our community what it is today? Tell us their story and why they deserve to be recognized as a Parish Hero. Email: parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au

**This is a Catholic Weekly idea. But if you do decide to write about a parishioner, then, please share with the parish too! beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com*

Catholic Help with Alcoholism and Addiction

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for the virtue of total abstinence, promoting our spiritual development, and striving for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member. Contact calixsydney@outlook.com for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a crucial step toward recovery and saving a life.

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 21:1-19

(or shorter form Jn 21:1-14)

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the different ways that the witness of the community of faith manifests the Lord – the apostolic witness of leadership and service that is accomplished by the various ministries within the church. While today's gospel singles out Peter as a leader within the community, in no way does this mean that such providential care for the church is the sole responsibility of authorised leaders. Rather, it is the responsibility of all the baptised.

In their teaching and preaching, the apostles moved from one understanding of God's presence and activity in the midst of the people to another. This new understanding had the death and resurrection of Jesus at its core. The light of the resurrection illumined their former religious convictions and aspirations, and they were undeterred in their commitment to spread this good news, this new word, this transforming light.

A martyr is a witness, one who is so committed, that that person is willing to suffer any consequence, even death, in order to be faithful. The apostles rejoiced that they had been found worthy of ill-treatment for the sake of the name of Jesus. The Lamb who is exalted is the one who was slain, and Peter is told that, like his master, he will pay for his commitment with his life. Even the psalm alludes to the suffering that must be endured by those who have chosen to be faithful. This kind of steadfastness has always been a persuasive witness.

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