



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 August 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



Last Monday was the feast of the Assumption which commemorates how Mary was taken up into heaven not just in her soul but also in her body. When Jesus rose from the dead He rose not just in His soul but also in His body. And He rose in His body not to the same old life but to a new life - a glorified state of human existence - in which sin and death no longer have any place. Rising to this new life, following where Jesus has gone before us, is our final destiny. And Mary is the first among us to have reached that destiny. As for the rest of us, including all the saints other than Mary, we will have to wait until the end of time to arrive at the final destiny, namely, the resurrection of the body.

Presumably not a small number of Catholics question the belief in the resurrection of the body (not just Jesus' body but also ours). There is a preconceived idea that becoming liberated from one's own body would be the more perfect state of human existence. After all, no one is fully satisfied with their body in this life. Quite often, bodily defects are a serious cause of human suffering. Therefore the notion of leaving the body behind can seem highly appealing, whereas that of being reunited with the same body can seem like a nightmare. Nevertheless, the Christian faith is unwavering in its pronouncement that, together with Jesus and Mary, we are destined for bodily existence in heaven.

Of course, when we speak of bodily existence in heaven we mean in its glorified state. Imagine perfect harmony between the body and soul such that the former always follows the latter. Then the body would be free just as the soul was free. Instead of being vulnerable to suffering the body itself would be an integral expression of the new life - the perfect life - found in the risen Lord. To be human is to have a body. God loses nothing of what is loved. So, to be the most perfect version of ourselves is also to have the most perfect version of our own *unique* body (which might put the lie to the nonsense that one can be born in the wrong body!).

The Assumption of Mary, as it were, is the foundation upon which is built our parish feast day, namely, the Queenship of Mary (22 August). If Mary is in heaven in her body and soul, then, she is also there as the Queen of Heaven (Regina Coeli!). Her queenship is a logical consequence of who she is (as the mother of the Incarnate God) and what she has done (as His closest collaborator). There are many reasons for cynicism in our world today. But Mary stands as the shining proof firstly that what is loved by God lives forever and secondly that our final destiny will be the most perfect place of truth, justice and mercy where the right people - the humble - are also the most exalted. Therefore we have every reason to look up with joyful hope which should dispel even the worst of cynicism.

I am afraid that no special event has been organised for the parish feast day this year (apart from an outdoor Mass on Monday and a thousand prayer cards) My hope is that something like a formal dinner, much like the dinner with the Archbishop in 2019, could become a tradition around the parish feast day, starting from 2023. Needless to say, helpers are very much wanted! - Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 21 August 21st Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 22 August Regina Coeli	9.15am Outdoor Mass on school grounds
Tue 23 August	9.15am Mass
Wed 24 August St Bartholomew	7am Mass
Thu 25 August	9.15am Mass
Fri 26 August	9.15am Mass
Sat 27 August St Monica	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 28 August 22nd Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Paolo Melia, Shirley Hassett, Pauline Velchik, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Giuseppa Campagna

In Loving Memory

Filippa Stallone, Ronald Xuereb, Doreen Simmons, Roy Mitchell, Giuseppe Graniero, Charlie Lo Russo, Fatima Degouveia, Ken Maher, Mary McKinnon Betty Hamilton, Mark Phillips, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Alida Clemente, Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, 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 Camellotti.

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs B. Murray
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CWF August Parish Appeal

The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal** is happening and we need your help. Our six ministries are all working hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns, and broken families. Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. **Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.**

2022 Annual Marriage Mass

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am on Sunday the 16th October at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome!



Please RSVP by the 12th of September at <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>.

For any queries, email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 93078480

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.

Last Weekend 14 August 2022

2nd Collection \$1212.35

1st Collection \$432.60

Attendance

5PM	115
8.30AM	101
10AM	~170
Total	~386

Raising Fathers Evenings

Do you want to be a better DAD?

Receive the life skills and experience the love. The message of these stories is the same: fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world-changing. Done badly it is catastrophic.

Dads, grandfathers and father figures all welcome to come and join us starting at 7.30pm at one of the locations below:

- Tuesday, August 23 – St Kevin's, Eastwood (Parish Hall): Daniel Ang (*Free sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm*)
- Wednesday, August 24 – All Saints, Liverpool (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
- Thursday, August 25 – St Peter Chanel, Berala (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady

Register now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBHLX>

RAISING FATHERS

EVENINGS 2022



ROBERT FALZON



DANIEL ANG



STUART BRADY

REGISTER NOW



TUE
23 AUG
ST KEVIN'S,
EASTWOOD
PARISH HALL

WED
24 AUG
ALL SAINTS,
LIVERPOOL
PARISH HALL

THU
25 AUG
ST PETER CHANEL &
ST JOSEPH, BERALA
PARISH HALL

7:30PM - 9:00PM
DADS AND
FATHER FIGURES
ALL WELCOME



Transformation Retreat

Fr Chris Eaton, MGL

Missionaries of God's Love, Canberra, ACT

Date: 27 August, 2022 (SATURDAY)

Time: 9 am – 5 pm including Mass

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St., Rockdale, NSW

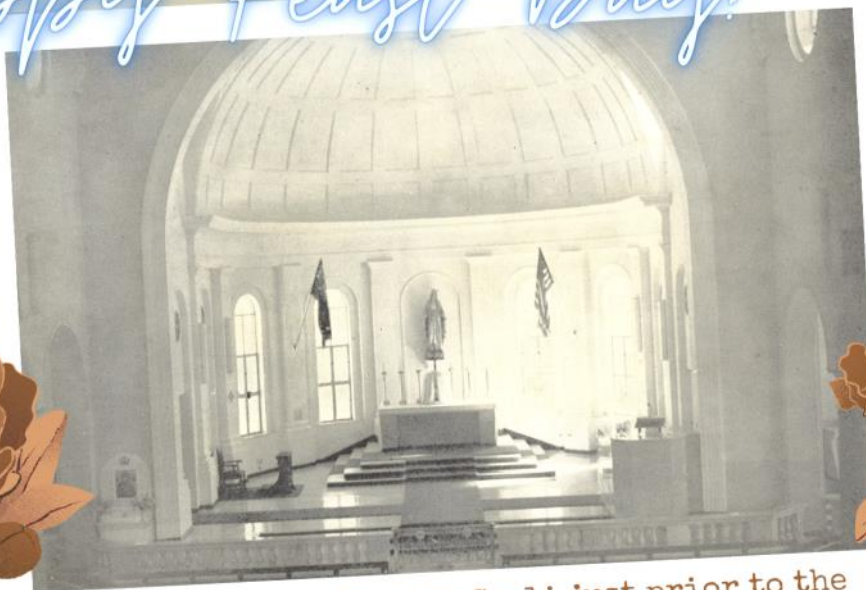
Booking Essential: <https://trybooking.com/CASKV>

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided

Inquiries: Helen 0422 455 114 Ida 0424 267 500

**Bookkeeper with MYOB experience required at the
Sacred Heart Monastery in Kensington.
Flexible days (2-3) and hours. Lovely environment and small team.
To apply contact Catherine on 0419256522.**

Happy Feast Day!



The church of Regina Coeli just prior to the
official opening in May 1963

First Reading Is 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

*(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.*

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

***I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;***

***no one comes to the Father, except
through me.***

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

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