



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

### 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 16 April 2023

#### 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

Did you know that the church of Regina Coeli was officially opened in 1963? Consequently, the Coral Sea Sunday this year (7 May 2023) would mark the 60th anniversary of the opening of our church. As you might be aware, we have celebrated for the past few years *Pentecost* as an occasion for parish celebration. But the focus this year will shift slightly to the *anniversary of the opening of our beautiful church*. So, please save the date: a great parish celebration is to be held after the 10am Mass on Sunday 7 May 2023!

Speaking of "60 years," we are about to farewell a parishioner after 60 years. In 1952 Arthur & Margaret Carragher moved to Beverly Hills shortly after their wedding. They had three sons and two daughters. Pam Carragher (now Pam Lines) was the fourth child whose progress in her mother's womb coincided with the building progress of the church of Regina Coeli. When she was born and due to be baptised the new church was yet to open officially. So her baptism had been scheduled to take place in the old church (what is now the parish hall).

But, as fate would have it, a last minute decision was made, presumably by Fr William Evans (the first parish priest), to have her baptism celebrated in the new church *prior to the official opening*. Now, on this particular day when Pam was to be baptised, there were also other families who were keen to have their newborn baptised in the new church. But, with a surname like 'Carragher,' Pam held an edge over the rest in the alphabetical order. So, when her baptism eventuated on this historic day, she became, quite possibly, the first ever to receive the gift of new birth in the church of Regina Coeli! Ever since then Pam and the church of Regina Coeli have been growing together like "twin sisters."

Pam's family had a strong association with the parish. Her mother was a tuck-shop lady. Her father was the school's footy coach, as well as the President of Sports Association. Pam remembers countless trophies passing through her house, as it was her father's responsibility to have them engraved and ready for award ceremonies which were held in the hall annually. When Pam herself became a school mother at Regina Coeli, she participated in LAP (Learning Assistance Program). She was also part of the P&F (Parents and Friends) which was responsible for the colour change of winter uniform from brown to blue.

Pam recalls being dressed up in a red cape for a monthly Mass which was held for the children of 'the Holy Angels.' In those days it was normal to see great numbers of families at Mass. A family could take up an entire pew, as her own family did, and even form an affectionate bond with that pew. 60 years on, Pam is concerned about the possibility of continual diminishment of mass attendance. She used to hope that Regina Coeli might remain strong and even become a hub for other parishes rather than the other way round. She is always delighted to see a young family at mass because, in spite of their ongoing struggle to participate in worship without disruptions, 'they are the future.' **Continued on Page 3**

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 16 April</b> <b>2nd Sunday Easter</b>	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 17 April</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 18 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 19 April</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 20 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 21 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 22 April</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 23 April</b> <b>3rd Sunday Easter</b>	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Alida Clemente, Serdinando Serenci Eddie Da Silva, Mary Navan, Grazia Campagna, Gerardina Civitarese, Pauline Patti, Maria Bila, Bridget Costello, John McCoy, June Coyle, Veronica Kellert, Francis Law, Therese Foster, Noel Smith.

### In Loving Memory

Giovanni De Francesco, Ronald Xuereb, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina, Ariel Fiorini, Fatima De Gouveia, Mary Crawford, Giuseppe Graniero, Giuseppa Campagna, Nick Lo Russo, Agatha Lee Kim Thai, Jusuf Oentojo, Tony Tesoriero, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Bob Henderson, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

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

Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Peter Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, 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, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall.

## Rosary Statue

**Mrs. I. Ovens**  
**17 Ponyara Road**  
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## Regina Coeli Catholic Church

**Built 1963**



**Join us for a BBQ to celebrate  
60 years of our beautiful Church  
On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May after 10am mass**

**Lunch, drinks and good company provided.  
There will be a jumping castle and music set up for the  
kids so please bring the whole family along.  
Bring a picnic rug.**

**If you are able, please bring a fruit  
or dessert plate to share.**

**Please note that there will be no parking on the school  
grounds on this day.**

**There is a volunteer list at the back of the church. If you  
are able to help please list your name and number on the  
sheet provided. Thank you!**

**For any queries please contact Sally. 0411 288 243**

‘What is *Alpha*? It is a (roughly) ten week program. Each week consists of spending the first hour on sharing a meal, which is then followed by the second hour whereby a (roughly) 20 minute video is watched and discussed by the participants. The beauty of Alpha, as far as I can see, lies in its structure: a real sense of communion forms when a meal and intimate thoughts are shared, and then the ritual is repeated 10 times! Some of the participants initially felt daunted by the prospect of a 10-week-long commitment. In the end, however, they all seemed to want more!’ (Parish bulletin from 2022)

A new session of Alpha will start soon, probably on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. Please contact Fr Peter if you are interested: [beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com)



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&  
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**School Principal**  
Mr Chris Egan  
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Webster

### Last Weekend 9 April 2023

**2nd Collection \$2715.00**

1st Collection \$2671.20

Cashless Giving \$730

### Attendance

5PM	256
8.30AM	320
10AM	~400
<b>Total</b>	<b>~976</b>



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For the past decade or so, Pam has been a member of the counting team at Regina Coeli. She has counted with other parishioners such as June Roebuck, Tim Morris, Kevin Knox, Glen Chater, Vernon Cardoz, etc. She has volunteered with Elizabeth Chipman on the days of Vinnies' Clothing Drive. Over the years most of Pam's family have moved to Queensland, including her own parents. But for some reason Pam herself has remained in the parish of Regina Coeli *her entire life!* Perhaps she felt some responsibility to continue the presence of the Carragher family in the parish, especially as (probably) the first ever to be baptised in the church of Regina Coeli! But time has come for her to move closer to the rest of her family in preparation for retirement. She is grateful for the privilege of having been a member of the parish where she made good friends whom she will miss.

We thank Pam for her service (and the service of the Carragher family) and wish her all the best. We also hope that she will visit her "twin sister" from time to time!  
- Fr Peter -



## **Have you secured your mug to help commemorate the 60 year anniversary of our beautiful church?**



**Please secure a mug in commemoration of Regina Coeli's 60 year anniversary!**

**\$10 donation per mug**

**(a profit margin of less than \$3 will help cover the cost of the celebration)**

**Will be available after mass from the back of the church for next two weeks and on event day.**

**We look forward to seeing you on the 7<sup>th</sup> May for a BBQ celebration!**

**Have you been a part of the church for more than 60 years? We would love to talk to you!**

## **Camino of St Joseph- Overnight Walking Pilgrimage for Men**

**Starts Friday 28 April 8:30pm, St Mary's Cathedral** with Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers.

Confession from 7:30pm.

Pilgrimage across 9 churches in Sydney's inner west.

**Concludes Saturday 29 April, 6:30am, St Joseph's Enfield** with Mass followed by BBQ breakfast and celebration.

Adoration at each church followed by a short reflection on St Joseph.

Register now: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1032826>

**First Reading** Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then

you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;**

**happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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