



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 2 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



On Thursday 73 children at the parish of Regina Coeli (of which 6 had to postpone due to sickness) experienced the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. As usual, the parable of the prodigal son provided inspiration for the lessons. What was the temptation for the son? He wanted the father's money but *without the father*, in order to do what he wanted instead of *listening*. How often do we fall into the same temptation ourselves? Everyone wants God's blessings but not everyone wants to listen to Him, not even the best of us sometimes. But we have received *everything* from God, and so there is nothing we have which we can call entirely our own. Therefore whenever we act or make our choices without reference to the Giver, we are making the same mistake as the prodigal son.

How beautiful is the moment of reconciliation between the prodigal son and the forgiving father! I have noticed that many of the paintings which depict this moment show the father's house in the background. But Scripture tells us that the father ran out and embraced the son *while he was still a long way off*. (Lk 15:20) How far from the house did the beautiful moment occur? 50m? 500m? 5km? Perhaps the distance run by the father was even greater than that which had been covered by the son on his return. Perhaps the father had always been just around the corner from the son, even standing right behind him, waiting - "dying" - for him to turn around so that he could love him, forgive him and raise him up!

Quite recently, a new thought occurred to me regarding the legitimacy of showing the father's house in the background when depicting the moment of reconciliation between the father and the son. Doing so might be perfectly legitimate after all because, theologically speaking, wherever the Father is, there is the Father's house! Yes, God's mercy is indeed capable of bridging the gaps which, to us, might seem unbridgeable, at least not without great difficulty. At some point in Christian history, people even started to identify Jesus with the prodigal son. After all, there were some surprising similarities between their journeys. For example, both left the Father's house, both were totally spent and both returned to the Father's house in the end, etc.

Of course, their journeys were also fundamentally different. For example, Jesus was *sent* while the prodigal son *ran*. The former *listened* while the latter *hardened* (his heart). The former *died* for others while the latter *self-destructed*. Yes, both were totally spent but only the former was doing the Father's will, hence the reason why he is able to bring with him all the others back to the Father's house! Being reconciled (and listening) does not render our lives boring or empty; rather, it sends us on a mission. What the prodigal son embarked upon was a false adventure with illusory promises which, apart from the Father, could never be fulfilled. By contrast what Jesus embarked upon was a true adventure - true romance - which we are all destined for!

- Fr Peter -

The Sacrament of Mercy - Reconciliation - will be available on Wednesday 6:30-8.30pm, as well as between the Triduum ceremonies.

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The Week Ahead

Sun 2 April Palm Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 3 April	No Mass
Tue 4 April	9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation w. Year 5W
Wed 5 April	7.00am Mass 6.30pm Reconciliation



EASTER TRIDUUM @ REGINA COELI

HOLY THURSDAY

7pm The Lord's Supper
followed by Reconciliation

GOOD FRIDAY

10am Stations of the Cross
followed by Reconciliation

3pm The Passion of the Lord
followed by Reconciliation

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00pm Easter Vigil

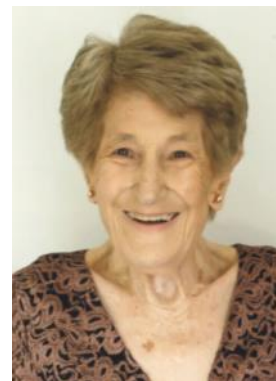
EASTER SUNDAY

8:30, 10am Mass



Happy Easter!

Words of Remembrance for Grazia Campagna



Mum's life is a similar story to other families that immigrated to Australia in the 1950's. Mum was married to Santo in 1956. My Dad came to Australia ahead of Mum to find a better future for his wife and future family. Mum arrived shortly after in Sydney in 1957... Mum had the joy of experiencing 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Mum and Dad were married for 66 years...

As you would imagine, life for immigrant Italians in Australia in the 1950's were tough. Dad was always working 2 jobs and mum was home looking after her children. To help the family get ahead, Mum would work at home as a seamstress juggling looking after the family and getting her children to school.

What were Mum's interests and passions? Basically, her life was devoted to her family, especially keeping her children happy. Mum's secret to keeping her children happy was love and food, and with 3 of her kids being boys she had her work cut out for her keeping her children content. Of course, to us, Mum was the best cook.

Mum loved her family life, her family was her pride and joy and she loved anyone who respected her family. She was generous and always welcomed her children's friends into her home as if they were her own family. I think she was loved by all that came across her path because of her generosity, warmth, and gentle nature.

In 2010 Mum faced watch no mother should go through, she lost her oldest son, a burden that she carried until the last day of her life. Mum's world fell apart that moment in time, and I think I can say that she never found peace since Phil passed away, but what eased that burden was that she saw Phil's legacy carry on through his children.

Mum's love to her family was unconditional. She always protected her family and taught her children right from wrong. She always comforted us when we were sick. Mum never pressured us to be something that we were not, only unconditional love and support and let us be ourselves and plough our own destiny.

Mum, may you rest in peace and through Jesus Christ Our Lord be granted God's gift of eternal life with your son in heaven.

- Joe Campagna, son -

Recently Deceased

Eddie Da Silva, 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

Fatima De Gouveia, Mary Crawford, Assia & Damia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vieira, Martin & Nora Fleming, Paddy Minogue, Giuseppe Graniro, 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 McNerney, Peter Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Alida Clemente, Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Ven-

Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 26 March 2023

2nd Collection \$1812.10

1st Collection \$1344.60

Cashless Giving \$110

Attendance

5PM	121
8.30AM	139
10AM	~180
Total	~440

Farewell to Augustine and Katia Chan

Augustine Chan was born in Macau. His family moved to Hong Kong in his teenage years. Augustine became a boarder at a Catholic school, where he converted to Catholicism and even became a server at Mass. In 1960s he moved to Bondi, Sydney. In 1970s he became a parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove. In 2016 when Augustine's wife passed away he moved to Narwee. He has been attending mass at Regina Coeli ever since.

Katia was born in Madagascar. She too was a boarder at a Catholic school, where she converted to Catholicism. In her later years she moved to France. In 2019 she decided to go on a cruise (from a port in France). As fate would have it, there was another passenger onboard who had come all the way from Australia and somehow ended up on the same cruise. There was a dance one day and Augustine, noticing that Katia was alone, asked her to dance with him. A movie-like montage (presumably) then followed.

What happened next was not "Titanic" but still Augustine and Katia were tragically prevented from seeing one another for the next two years, thanks to COVID restrictions. In 2022 they were finally reunited when Augustine

travelled to France and asked Katia to marry him. In May 2022 Katia moved to Australia - I guess her answer was 'yes'! In July 2022 they were married. And now they are moving to Epping so that they can be closer to Augustine's son and his family.

Katia says that Australian parishes are 'very warm.' Also, a lot of people seem to attend mass because, sadly in France, only a few still practice the faith. She likes how we catch up with one another after mass, for example, through BBQ. Augustine says that he will miss the parish and wishes the best for both the parishioners at Regina Coeli and Katia and himself who are about to embark on a new adventure, in a new home.



First Friday Monthly Rosary

Owing to our monthly rosary falling on Good Friday, it has been decided to recite our rosary in Our Lady's Chapel on Friday the 14th of April at 11am. All welcome!



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>

Catholic Women's Network: Holy Week Gathering

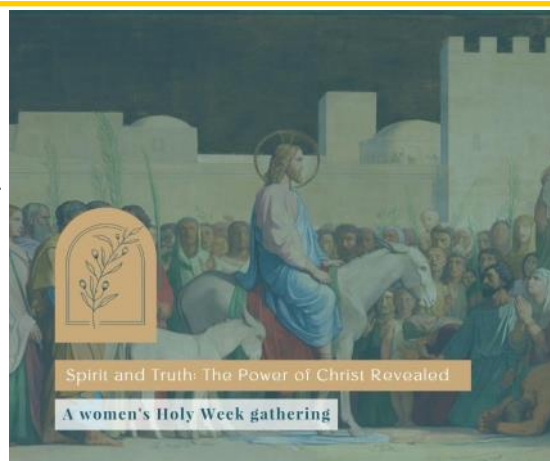
Together we can remove ourselves from the busyness of our day, quieten our minds and enter into our heart whether the Lord can be more present to us and we can hear His voice more clearly.

Date: Tuesday 4 April

Time: 7:30pm—9pm

Via Zoom in the comfort of your own home

<https://zoom.us/meeting/66325784784>



Gospel Mt 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.'

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

Gospel shorter form Mt 27:11-54

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As we prepare to enter the sacred time of Holy Week, we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. We have a saviour who was finally lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine privileges. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we must to be willing to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with Jesus is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair holds sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for our sake.

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