



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

3rd Sunday of Easter
23 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



For the 60th anniversary of the opening of the church of Regina Coeli there will be a great celebration following the 10am Mass on Sunday 7 May. It is hoped that we will be blessed with a great turnout, as well as the biggest (premium) BBQ we have ever had! A jumping castle is currently being organised. An expert has been found for balloon-making for children! Starting this weekend, the parish mugs can be obtained from the back of the church. Please use the donation box, also at the back of the church, for payment.

What was it like when the beautiful church of Regina Coeli was being built? What were the thoughts and sentiments of the parishioners before and after? No doubt, there is so much we would be happy to learn. Now, even though we have a good number of parishioners who have been in the parish for over 60 years, that might not necessarily mean that they know the ins and outs of the early days. After all, the elderly of today were the youngsters of 60 years ago!

Nevertheless, surely, everyone has a treasured memory. If you recall anything of interest to do with the church of Regina Coeli, even just a funny anecdote, please contact me or the parish office and share! What does the church of Regina Coeli mean to you? What was the most beautiful occasion which you witnessed here? Or a special moment of grace? I believe that stories are far more powerful when treasured together. Speaking of stories, here are a few relating to ANZAC Day:

One Parishioner's husband fought in Papua New Guinea and was responsible for transporting food and artillery to the front line. When he returned from the war and married her, she was surprised to find that he was still suffering from bad nerves. Some nights he would wake up screaming from nightmares in which he was being chased and couldn't breathe. What happened during the war was difficult for the veterans to talk about except to one another, hence the reason why gathering on ANZAC Day was meaningful for them at a whole another level!

Another parishioner had an uncle who was captured by the Germans in Crete. When he survived and finally returned home by ship, his wife met him at the wharf, only to break the news that she was now with another man. He died about two years later, possibly with the heartbreak as a contributing factor, as a rueful rendition of a song slowly played in his mind, 'Don't sit under the apple tree with anyone else but me, till I come marching home...'

The same parishioner also had a brother-in-law who fought in PNG. One time only his "dog-tag" remained and his family were informed that he had been killed. But it turned out that he had been recuperating in hospital after a serious illness. Eventually he returned home, got married and had seven children but died at the age of 47. Another brother-in-law fought in Vietnam and was known to exclaim repeatedly on ANZAC Day, after a few drinks, 'I got all my men back!'

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 23 April 3rd Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 24 April	No Mass
Tue 25 April ANZAC Day	9.15am Mass
Wed 26 April St Mark	7.00am Mass
Thu 27 April	9.15am Mass
Fri 28 April St Peter Chanel	9.15am Mass
Sat 29 April St Catherine of Sienna	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation 4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 30 April 4th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

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

In Loving Memory

Thomas Ruju, Ugo Buracchi, Maria Debono, Gary Atkins, Giovanni De Francesco, Ronald Xuereb, Ariel Fiorini, Fatima De Gouveia, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Bob Henderson, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Peter Raju, 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

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Regina Coeli Catholic Church

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**Join us for a BBQ to celebrate
60 years of our beautiful Church
On Sunday 7th 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



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Last Weekend 16 April 2023

2nd Collection \$1491.35

1st Collection \$1071.75

Cashless Giving \$240

Attendance

5PM 118

8.30AM

10AM ~140

Total ~

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Easter Blessing 2023

Let us make haste to surmount our conflicts and divisions, and to open our hearts to those in greatest need. Let us hasten to pursue paths of peace and fraternity. Let us rejoice at the concrete signs of hope that reach us from so many countries, beginning with those that offer assistance and welcome to all fleeing from war and poverty.



At the same time, along this journey we also encounter many stumbling blocks, which make it more difficult and demanding to hasten towards the Risen Lord. To him, then, let us make our prayer: Lord, help us to run to meet you! Help us to open our hearts!

Help the beloved Ukrainian people on their journey towards peace, and shed the light of Easter upon the people of Russia. Comfort the wounded and all those who have lost loved ones because of the war, and grant that prisoners may return safe and sound to their families. Open the hearts of the entire international community to strive to end this war and all conflict and bloodshed in our world, beginning with Syria, which still awaits peace. Strengthen all those affected by the violent earthquake in Turkey and in Syria itself. Let us pray for all those who have lost family and friends, and for those left homeless. May they receive consolation from God and assistance from the family of nations.



Seasons of Renewal: Pentecost

Join us online as we explore practical ideas that parishes can implement in preparation for Pentecost, so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that the Holy Spirit gives. All welcome!

Thursday 20 April, 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday 3 May, 2-3pm

Thursday 4 May, 7:30-8:30pm

Register online: <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/case-events/>

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 7th 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!

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Easter mystagogical instruction continues. Today we reflect on life as a journey. This theme expresses well the fact that life is not static, but is a movement from one point to another. Actually, we do not so much make the journey as we join one that is already in progress. Nor are we alone on it. We have companions who share their encouragement and support, their talents and insight. Like the two disciples travelling to Emmaus, we have certain expectations which Jesus does not seem to fulfil. They did not realise that through his death he had accomplished everything. They did not realise that the Risen Lord himself was their travelling companion.

As with them, so with us. We may not see the extraordinary in the ordinary. We may not see the hand of God in our lives. Perhaps we need someone to interpret for us both the tradition and the events of life. Despite appearances, something is happening beneath what we are able to observe. God is at work beneath and within our lives. Once we realise who this unique travelling companion really is, our hearts too will burn within us, our eyes too will be opened, and we too will look at life with the assurance of faith. Easter faith will transform our disillusionment into missionary zeal. Some of us may be called upon to give public witness, as did Peter. Most will preach with the example of our lives. All can enter this mystery as we recognise him in the breaking of the bread.

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