



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

### 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



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### Easter Sunday 9 April 2023

Lent seemed to be off to a good start for me this year. I felt happy to do what I was supposed to do, namely, praying, fasting and almsgiving (or, as I like to call them, 'silence, detachment and compassion'). But, instead of spiritually peaking toward the end, I found myself feeling increasingly challenged. Perhaps I became complacent, or the temptations intensified; either way, I seemed to be surviving rather than thriving by the time Holy Week arrived. I guess I had no choice but to ask, 'How does what Jesus accomplished by dying and rising two thousand years ago help a poor soul like me at present?' In hindsight, however, this seemed like not a bad mindset with which to prepare for the Easter Triduum, not bad at all!

On Palm Sunday we had plenty of palm/olive branches brought by parishioners, as well as cross-shaped palm leaves, thanks to Regina and Veronica who spent a whole day prayerfully making them. The 10am Mass in particular was so well-attended that a few parishioners remarked that it was great to be in a packed church again - something which used to happen more regularly until the lockdowns normalised even more the sad practice of missing Sunday worship. But Catholics seem to be coming back, even if coyly and slowly, in response to the work of the Holy Spirit who never ceases to call out to them.

Holy Thursday seemed slightly better attended than last year. Someone said to me afterward that 'high energy' could be felt at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. I suggested that, if true, one reason might be that those who come to church on Holy Thursday tend to be "serious Catholics" who are also likely to attend all of the Triduum ceremonies and not just one. Speaking of serious Catholics, I have been edified thus far by the number of children who appear to be on route to enjoying the whole "three-course" celebration. No doubt, their patience gets challenged at times, just as ours does. But there is joyful freedom in learning to let go and following the rhythm set by God, which brings us into contact with that which has *substance*, as opposed to what is superficial.

Good Friday was extra special this year because, for the first time since 2019, the stations of the cross was re-enacted again. Coula "resurrected" the re-enactment by coordinating it again this year. A mix of seasoned actors and newcomers participated in the re-enactment. In particular, there was a new "Jesus" who seemed "born for the role" and passed the "audition" unanimously on the basis of his looks! After years of usage some of the costumes had been damaged or lost. But Hala came to the rescue by making a number of new costumes, with which so many more renditions of the stations of the cross could be done in the future!

**(Hala has also prepared Easter gifts for children!)**

The commemoration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm was excellently attended. The line for venerating the cross never seemed to end! Unlike in previous years I did not continue to ask people to move faster, instead wondering what was in the mind of each person who revered the cross, genuflecting before it or touching it, even kissing it in some cases. *Everyone has a story.* **Continued on Page 3**

## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 9 April</b> Easter Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 10 April</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 11 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 12 April</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 13 April</b>	9.15am Mass 9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 14 April</b>	<b>10.30am Funeral Mass for Alida Clemente</b> <b>7pm Night of Prayer: Divine Mercy Special</b> 9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation
<b>Sat 15 April</b>	4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 16 April</b> Divine Mercy Sund.	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Alida Clemente, 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

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

**Mr. & Mrs. B. Murray**  
4 Leon Ave.  
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**APRIL 14th**  
Friday

# Night of Prayer

## Divine Mercy

**Friday 14 April from 6:30pm**

SPECIAL

- Eucharistic Adoration begins at 7pm with a short introduction on **DIVINE MERCY** and live music leading into personal prayer time •
- You are free to come and leave as it suits you during Holy Hour •
- The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will also be available •
- Light refreshments are available in the Courtyard from 6:30 pm •
- RSVP is greatly appreciated - please use QR code on the right •
- Walk-ins welcome •



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### Last Weekend 2 April 2023

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$2436.30</b>
1st Collection	\$1843.25
Cashless Giving	\$365

### Attendance

5PM	113
8.30AM	139
10AM	~240
<b>Total</b>	<b>~492</b>



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I cannot thank enough everyone who has contributed to the celebration of the Easter Triduum at Regina Coeli: from acolytes to our servers, readers and indefatigable choirs! Also, a special thanks goes to Raewyn, Jence and Maya who looked after the appropriate setting up of the sanctuary for the continuous and yet quite different Easter Triduum ceremonies. As I am writing this toward the end of Good Friday, the sky has turned tumultuous with thunder and lightning, like a cosmic sign pointing to the radical newness of what is at our doorstep, namely, the joy of the Resurrection! Thank you everyone and happy Easter!

- Fr Peter -

# Sydney director of finance Michael Moore to retire

■ Marilyn Rodrigues

THE DIRECTOR of finance for the Archdiocese of Sydney, Michael Moore, is preparing to retire after more than two decades in the role.

The father of three from Regina Coeli parish in Beverly Hills joined the archdiocese in 1999 and previously served as the head of financial services for the Catholic schools office in the Diocese of Broken Bay, bringing his professional service to the church to a total of 26 years.

He's witnessed first-hand a huge amount of change and growth in that time, including lay people taking up senior roles, and the modernisation of parish life.

"When I started at the former chancery located in Pitt Street there were a handful of lay people working there," he said.

"We've seen transformational growth now across the church with lay people of both sexes working in senior roles and in many areas, including evangelisation.

"Only 20 parishes out of 138 had a computer when the GST came in, so we ensured they had computers, accounting software, training. It was an exciting time and it was a good thing because a lot of what the safeguarding office does now and even the parish support team, for example, builds on that work.

"And the growth in the number of seminarians and ordinations has been nothing short of amazing, particularly since World Youth Day in Sydney.

"But in the same time, Christianity and Catholicism has become counter-cultural and there is some sadness about that."

Increased regulation on the church has been a necessary, if less pleasing, change during his time, Mr Moore added.

With Michael Digges, arch-



With more than two decades of service to the church in Sydney and Broken Bay, Michael Moore has been a tireless supporter of the church's many initiatives.

PHOTO: ADAM WESSELINOFF



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diocesan executive director of administration and finance, Mr Moore helped to navigate an intense period of growth

after Cardinal George Pell's arrival in Sydney in 2001.

It included the purchase and move to a new chancery

office on Liverpool Street, hosting World Youth Day in 2008, the establishment of the Sydney campus of the University of Notre Dame Australia, the acquisition of the Domus Australia guesthouse in Rome, and the purchase of the site for the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre.

Since May 2018 the archdiocese has also assisted the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes

by providing back-office support. In addition to the dynamic duo's Sydney duties, Mr Digges is the financial administrator and Mr Moore the director of finance for the rural New South Wales diocese.

Mr Moore said a highlight has been working with Mr Digges to grow the church's revenue to help fund and support missionary activities across the archdiocese.

"It's very important to try to be good stewards. Archbishop Fisher says that we shouldn't be consuming the patrimony built up by our parents and grandparents, we should be doing things and building it for the future," he said.

An active parishioner at Regina Coeli, Mr Moore said he always harboured a strong desire to work for the church.

Former long-time Regina Coeli parish priest Fr Bill Malone and former Port Macquarie parish priest Fr Leo Donnelly have been big influences in his life, as well as St Joseph, the protector of Our Lord.

"Fr Donnelly's business acumen was quite inspirational," he said.

"Also the black Sisters of St Joseph who mentored him as a teenager and Fr Paul Pidcock SM.

"When I boarded at Woodlawn College in Lismore for two years, part of my volunteer duties was to work in the bookshop.

"He tutored me into being a bookkeeper at 16, writing up ledger cards and things like that for the college shop which sold toiletries and other essentials to the students and staff."

In a statement Mr Digges said that his colleague's contributions to the archdiocese and its agencies could not be overstated.

"Michael brings great care, stewardship and loyalty to the archdiocese and to the church in all that he does," he wrote.

"Personally, I am very grateful for and have benefited enormously from working closely with Michael over the last eight years."

Mr Moore said he will continue to contribute to the archdiocese in an advisory role in the future, but was looking forward to spending more time with his wife Elizabeth and grandchildren Xavier and Eliana.

## 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 11.30am.**

All welcome!



## First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

**or**

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (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. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**or: 1 Cor 5:6-8**

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

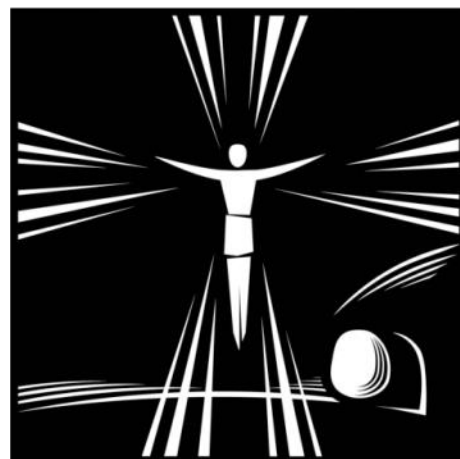
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**or Mt 28:1-10**

*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.*

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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