



# 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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### 6th Sunday of Easter

### 14 May 2023 (Mother's Day)

A mother once told me that being a mother was the most difficult thing she ever had to do. So I decided to put the claim to the test by asking around a little during the week. On Thursday I asked a mother who was 83 years old, 'Was being a mother the most difficult thing you ever had to do?' She seemed a little dissatisfied with the question as she replied, 'Excuse me! I am *still* being a mother. You never stop being a mother. You are a mother until the day you die!'

On Friday the school held a liturgy for Mother's Day and I asked a young mother with children at the school, 'Is being a mother the most difficult thing you have ever done?' She said, 'Yes, absolutely! You change when you become a mother. You are never the same. I never knew I was capable of making so many sacrifices. But being a mother is also the most rewarding!'

On Father's Day in previous years the school mothers used to prepare lovely breakfast for the school fathers.

So, naturally, for Mother's Day, a big table of pastry with coffee and tea was prepared by...the mothers themselves! Even then almost everything ended up being eaten by the children who couldn't resist free sweets just waiting to be consumed. Even on Mother's Day, mothers could not help but put children first and remain true to who they were: heartfelt devotees to the sacrificial act of laying down their lives for their beloved children!

HAPPY  
Mother's Day

The 60 year celebration of the church of Regina Coeli turned out to be a great success but in ways I could not have imagined! Let's start with some facts: over 400 dinner plates were used; 95kg of meat and 200 pieces of KFC were consumed; an abundance of salads, hot noodles and rice, fruits and desserts continued to flow in from generous parishioners. Our "professional" balloon-maker went through all of his 300 balloons. Even the jumping castle ended up being bounced on for recording-breaking 4 hours!

But in order for the real depth of the success to be conveyed we need to start from the beginning. At 7am volunteers started to gather in order to move tables and chairs from the hall and set them up on the playground. Someone asked, 'Should we go for it, in spite of the forecast of rain?' I said, 'Yes,' because, in my wishful thinking, it seemed as though we might just escape rain. So, the volunteers got busy, setting up for a big outdoor celebration!

When the 8.30am Mass started, it should have been easy for anyone to guess what I was praying for. About halfway through the Mass, I noticed that some people were walking in and out of the church with umbrellas in their hands. Surely, they were just being cautious and it wasn't actually raining? When the Mass ended and I processed out of the church, what greeted me was a totally different world: drizzling, gloomy and hostile to any attempt to have an outdoor celebration.

I walked toward the playground, in the rain, which also started to seep into my heart. All the tables and chairs, even the BBQs, had been crammed into the narrow under-croft areas in order to avoid rain.

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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 14 May</b> <b>6th Sunday Easter</b>	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 15 May</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 16 May</b>	9.15am Mass with Yr 4 9.50am Reconciliation with 3G
<b>Wed 17 May</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 18 May</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 19 May</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 20 May</b>	9.00am Mass 9.30- Adoration 9.55am & Reconciliation  4.15- Reconciliation 4.45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 21 May</b> <b>Ascension</b>	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Stefano Bila, 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.

### In Loving Memory

Gail Moore, Peter Peters Frank Capra, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, Thomas Rujju, Ugo Buracchi, Maria Debono, Gary Atkins, Giovanni De Francesco, Ronald Xuereb, Ariel Fiorini, Fatima De Gouveia, Carmelo Algozzino, Lucy Wong, Genaro Sacco, Bob Henderson.

### Please remember those who are in ill

**health especially:** Lucy Blundell, Peter Raju, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Peter Phillips, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kenney, 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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**The St George Network of Family Educators**  
invites all women from our communities to a  
private screening of  
**LOVE AGAIN.**

**WHEN** - Tuesday 16th May, 6.30pm

**WHERE** - Beverly Hills Cinema

**TICKETS** \$12 - includes movie, drink and a snack.

Please book and pay via QR Code below before  
the 10th May.

Classification TBC

**This is an over 18 event.**



**"Let all that you do be  
done in love."**

1 Corinthians 16:14

## WALK WITH CHRIST

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**SUNDAY 11 JUNE**

**FESTIVAL:**  
Martin Place from 1:00PM

**PROCESSION:**  
Begins at 2:30PM sharp.  
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St

## Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Donate at: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or  
complete the parish envelope at Mass today.

Your tax deductible gift can change lives. Thank you!

### Last Weekend 7 May 2023

**2nd Collection \$1854.45**

1st Collection \$1469.40

Cashless Giving \$320

### Attendance

5PM 99

8.30AM 105

10AM 300+

**Total 504+**

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As I came back into the church to be ready for the 10am Mass, I ruminated on the real possibility of the jumping castle being wasted as well as the huge amount of food, for, we had planned to cater for 300 people. I wasn't sure how I was supposed to pray: in clear recognition of the disappointment, or with joyful trust? I hoped for the latter and announced, 'Let's pray that the weather will be good enough and we will be joyful enough to celebrate this day in some meaningful way!' I was pleasantly surprised that the church was filling up with much more vigour than usual. Before the Mass ended the church was full - with a fullness worthy of a 60 year celebration! The ambience seemed brighter and my body felt warmer, but I still wasn't sure what the weather was like outside. Needless to say, I was overjoyed when I processed out and was greeted this time by large patches of blue sky!

Within the next 15 minutes or so the sun came out and the sky turned almost entirely blue. Some people even attributed the change of weather to my prayers! I did not get to tell them about the little St Joseph whom I had put out earlier, who must have been working overtime. The tables and chairs were spread out once again, the BBQs were running at full speed and a large crowd of people congregated on the playground. Everything was coming together for what seemed an impossibility earlier - a big outdoor celebration, and a joyful one at that!

Speaking of joy, it was very appropriate that Joy Vincent - a parishioner of over 73 years - was given the honour of cutting the cake (which was magnificent!). The jumping castle, if it had got wet at all, was probably now all mopped up by the children who had overtaken it. There were two long queues for an impressive range of quality food. Many others were content to get a cuppa first and chat with one another while waiting. Over the next two hours the festivities were in full swing and, if you ask me, no one seemed to be in a rush to be anywhere else!

Once the desserts were served the rain came back but, by this time, I believe, we had felt so blessed about the whole day that it bothered us no more. Many people left with faces radiant with gratitude and joy. Some happily acknowledged that it really had been *premium* BBQ. Just as the volunteers started to clean and pack up, the sun came back out. By the time when the last of the volunteers left, with looks of contentment and little or no signs of fatigue on their faces, it was about 4pm. Our coordinator had been deeply moved when she said to me, 'I cannot believe how helpful everyone has been, especially when help was needed the most. We have the best parish!'

A girl asked me during the week the most difficult of all religious questions, to which only the Christian faith in its entirety can be the answer: 'Why is there evil in our world?' I gave her the example of our 60 year celebration which started under very challenging weather conditions; but when we trusted patiently and the weather improved delightfully, our hearts were brimming with gratitude and joy in ways which might not have been possible, had we got everything exactly when we wanted it. God permits evil, but only because He is capable of bringing out something even greater out of it. After all, the Cross was followed by the Resurrection, and the forty days of Lent is followed by the fifty days of Easter! With this in mind, we need not be afraid, ever! - Fr Peter -



**First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1**

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

**or**

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18**

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and  
we will come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 14:15-21**

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day  
you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them  
will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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