



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

5th Sunday of Easter
7 May 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

Happy 60th anniversary of our beautiful church! There are so many reasons for gratitude. Our church is beautiful both inside and outside, and is perfectly located to be visible from all around, as though Our Lady herself came down as a gentle touch of Heaven upon all who live in the parish or are passing by. Our church has welcomed visitors from all walks of life and given them treasured memories of grace. How blessed we are to be able to call such a church our spiritual home!

As I am writing this, I have one major concern, namely, the weather which, according to the forecasts, has been looking quite unfavourable all week! I guess all we can do is to "put St Joseph outside" and then work with whatever weather conditions we are dealt. But, from the little I have seen or heard, it seems that some parishioners have responded very generously to the occasion by promising food, drinks and/or helping hands, as expressions of their love for our faith community which is centred on Eucharistic worship at the church of Regina Coeli. Therefore, as far as I am concerned, the event is already a success!

But the best is yet to come! What we can achieve alone always pales in comparison to what God can accomplish through the portal of our faithful commitment. As Jesus said (in the Gospel reading), 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.' *Our Lady Queen of Heaven, pray for us!* Here are some of the significant dates in the parish history:

- * **1946** A group of Catholics in Beverly Hills make requests to the Archdiocese of Sydney to establish a new parish in the area.
- * **1946** Fr William Evans is appointed parish priest of Beverly Hills. An old house donated to the parish by the Zutton family becomes the presbytery and daily Mass is celebrated in one of the rooms. Sunday Mass is celebrated in the School of Arts in Hampden Road.
- * **1947** The parish school opens and operates out of...the presbytery!
- * **1948** The foundation stone is laid for the hall which will serve as both church and school. Later in the year the hall is officially opened by Cardinal Gilroy.
- * **1954** The name of the parish is changed from 'Queen of Peace' to 'Regina Coeli' in the hope of building a large church in honour of Our Lady Queen of Heaven, which would also serve as a memorial to 'Australian-American Friendship in War and Peace.'
- * **1959** Fund-raising is undertaken for the purposes of: paying off the parish debt, expanding the primary school, contributing toward the building of the high school in Kingsgrove (today's St Ursula's) and the building of a new church at a cost of over \$200,000!
- * **1962** The foundation stone for the new church is laid and blessed.
- * **1963** The church of Regina Coeli is officially opened by Cardinal Gilroy on Coral Sea Sunday, May 5, 1963.
- * **1965** Fr William Evans dies from a heart attack at the age of 59. Parishioners remember him as 'very direct in his speech,' 'knew his own mind,' 'could get on with anybody,' and even, 'always got what he wanted.'

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

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| Sun 7 May 5th Sunday Easter | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 8 May | No Mass |
| Tue 9 May | 9.15am Mass 9.50am Reconciliation with 3B |
| Wed 10 May | 7.00am Mass 9.00am Adoration with Yr5 |
| Thu 11 May | 9.15am Mass with Yr5 |
| Fri 12 May | 9.15am Mass |
| Sat 13 May | 9.00am Mass 9.30-9.55am Adoration & Reconciliation 4.15-4.45pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Mass |
| Sun 14 May 6th Sunday Easter Mother's Day | 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

Frank Capra, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, 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

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

Mrs. N. Pugliese
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MAY 12th Friday

Night of Prayer

Fatima

Friday 12 May from 6:30pm

- Eucharistic Adoration begins at 7pm with a short introduction on **FATIMA** 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 above •
- Walk-ins welcome •

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

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY Catholic Cemeteries & Crematoria

A special thanks to the Vegys family for the wonderful trimming of the bushes around the parish hall ("old church"), in perfect time for the parish celebration!



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&
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Mr Peter Busch

REC
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Last Weekend 30 April 2023

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| 2nd Collection | \$1401.10 |
| 1st Collection | \$945.40 |
| Cashless Giving | \$650 |

Attendance

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| 5PM | 108 |
| 8.30AM | 137 |
| 10AM | ~160 |
| Total | ~405 |

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HOMES And BUILDING

Church Marks U.S.-Australian Accord

Twin towers and twin altars are features of a new £100,000 Roman Catholic church which has been built at Beverly Hills to honour Australian and American friendship.

CALLED the Regina Coeli Memorial Church, it was opened officially on Sunday (Coral Sea Sunday) by Cardinal Gilroy.

Sited in Ponyara Road, in the higher part of Beverly Hills, it dominates the area.

The towers are about 90ft high. On their face have been placed emblems of the two countries, executed in bronze, which provide symbols of lasting friendship.

Within the church, which is finished with great simplicity of colour, the high altar dominates the design.

Behind the altar, carried on a bracket on the rear wall of the sanctuary, is a statue of the Regina Coeli (Our Lady Queen of Heaven), flanked by the two national flags. The flags, a gift of the Australian-American Association, were presented to the parish priest, the Rev. Father W. D. Evans (he was a chaplain in H.M.A.S. Canberra, sunk in action in 1942), at the ceremony of the laying of the stone on Coral Sea Sunday last year.

The polished brass sanctuary gates have six-inch-diameter crests in coloured porcelain enamel.

Chapels Identical

Within the church are two memorial chapels identical in design. On the left side is the Australian chapel and on the right the American chapel.

Over the chapel altars are symbolic ceramic crosses, which were designed and executed by Byram Mansell.

On the front of the altars, motifs are sand-blasted into the marble face and gold-filled. On the Australian altar, a cross and the stars of the Southern Cross are combined, and on the American altar, a cross is surrounded

by the 13 stars of the U.S. Great Seal.

The side entrances to the church are by two ante-rooms, cut off from the chapels by glazed screens. On these screens are acid-etched designs, accurate representations of the Coat of Arms of the Commonwealth on the one side and the U.S. Great Seal on the other.

A colourful feature is the stained glass which infills the beautiful rose window on the front elevation. This window was carried out by Robert L. Johnson, in the traditional manner of stained glass, and depicts Our Lady Queen of Heaven. The predominant colour is rich blue.

Marble Sanctuary

The Carrara marble sanctuary has been designed in traditional form so that the church has no apparent date of building and is not marred by any superficial tricks of architecture.

The entire marble work was carried out by Anslow Marble and Terrazzo Pty. Ltd.

The external walls of the building have been constructed of cream face brick and Hawkesbury sandstone all carried on reinforced concrete foundations which were taken down to shale.

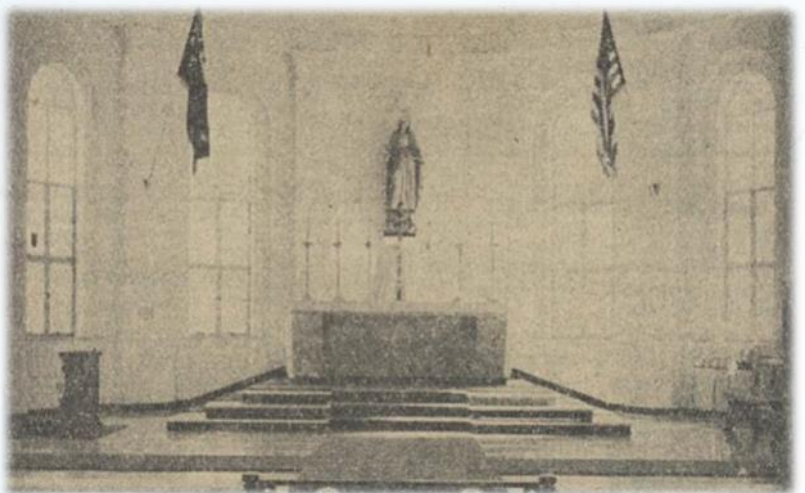
The roof is of teapo brown glazed terracotta tile. All exposed metal roof work is in copper.

The ceiling of the sanctuary was dictated by the semi-circular form of the supporting walls. A coffer half-dome completes the design of this area.

The architects for the project were Sydney G. Hill and Kennedy; consulting engineers, Woolacott, Ha Bond and Corlett, and builders, A. W. Edwards Pty. Ltd.



The new Roman Catholic memorial church at Beverly Hills is of traditional design with cream brick walls, and twin towers. Inset: One of the symbols of friendship.



First Reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says
the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except
through me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from
myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no
other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.