



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11 February 2024**

### 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

The Opening Mass for the school of Regina Coeli was celebrated on Friday. Why do we call it an *opening* Mass? Because it marks formally/liturgically the official opening of the academic year of 2024. But hopefully such a celebration opens more than just a new calendar year; even more importantly, it opens...everyone's heart! This is so that our relationship with the Lord can be renewed and allowed to grow throughout the entire year, such that we can look back on it at the end and remark, 'What a blessed year this has been!'

Speaking of opening a new calendar year, "Chinese New Year" is being celebrated this weekend. Of course, one needs not be Chinese to celebrate the bonus New Year's Eve/Day because, technically speaking, what is being celebrated is the *new year according to the lunar calendar*, which many non-Chinese nations have traditionally followed, not to mention the Catholic Church! Lent begins a little early this year - this very week in fact! - but why so early? Because Easter is determined each year by following none other than the lunar calendar! The fact that it is always full-moon at Easter is not at all a coincidence!

Jesus said, *Ephphata*, which means 'Be opened!' (Mark 7:34) What Jesus wants to open more than anything else is the human heart. A little bit of opening goes a long way! When we enter into the Lenten practices of praying, fasting and almsgiving, something in us opens up and allows us to be reconciled with God. This, in turn, fills us with love and wisdom, making us happier and better able to be *present* to all we encounter in life. Such is the joy of prayer, which then makes us *want* to pray even more, thereby beginning a *positive cycle*, which can grow larger and larger over time and make all the difference!

Do we wish to have a great year, one which is better than all of the previous years? Then we must go the spiritual way, there is simply no other way! Small but faithful practices which create a little bit of opening in our heart to the merciful presence of God can start a positive cycle which grows larger and larger over time, such that the end result surpasses anything we could have dreamt of! On the first day of the new year according to the solar calendar, I said in the homily, 'Could the quality and fruitfulness of our lives improve to the degree that we are renewed/recreated by the Holy Spirit, starting from the heart?' - *Fr Peter* -

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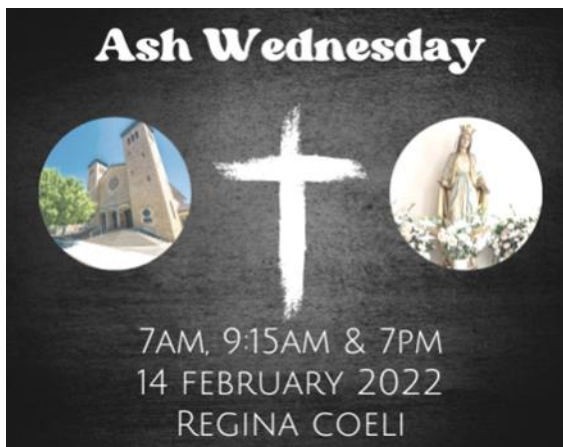
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## The Week Ahead

Sun 11 February 6th Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 12 February	No Mass
Tue 13 February	9.15am Mass 10:30am <b>Funeral Mass for Helena Hallinan</b>
Wed 14 February Ash Wednesday	7.00am Mass 9.15am <b>Mass with school</b> 11.30am <b>Liturgy with K-2</b> 7.00pm <b>Mass</b>
Thu 15 February	9.15am Mass
Fri 16 February	9.15am Mass 10:30am <b>Funeral Mass for Maria Gilio</b>
Sat 17 February	9:00am Mass 9:30- Stations of the Cross 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 18 February 1st Sunday of Lent	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Maria Gilio, Helena Hallinan, Fr Kevin Bates, Frances Jones, Bill McGrath, Armando Alberici, Carmelina Sassano, Lucita Lucerna, Tony Deng, Ann McDowell, Val Green, Rula Hanna, Terence Wall, Anton Mandich, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson, Geoffrey Connolly

### In Loving Memory

Gino Morassut, Carmelo Algozzino, Anna Lee, Salvatore Russo, Maria Adollorato Tesoriero, Ken Maher & Mary McKinnon, Sam Xerri, Cono Reale, Peter Pezzutti, Eddie Da Silva, Jose Gomes, June Coyle, Kathleen Coleman, Donato Tozzi, Donato Carnevale, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

### Please remember those who are in ill

**health especially:** Alistair McKenzie, Betty Meaney, Monica Costa, Ronnie Gaudry, Steve Ghantons, Vincent Roberts, Lucy Blundell, Ryan Henderson, Dennis McInerney, Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Damiano Serravalle, Mary Daniels, Anne Kensey, Geoff McDowell.

**This week  
the parish Rosary statue will be  
welcomed into the home of  
Mrs A. Capra**



**Parish Secretary**  
9554 8155  
Tues 11am-4pm  
&  
Fri 11am-4pm

**Sacramental Coordinator/  
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Mrs Lee Scola  
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Mr Peter Busch  
  
**REC**  
Ms Lisa Scott

## Lenten Penance

*In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience our need for mercy, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent.*

### DAYS OF PENANCE

Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
- self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.
- helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

## PLAYGROUP

CRAWLERS TO PRE-KINDY



Starting Thursday 8th Feb  
Thursdays during School Term  
9:00 - 10:30am



Regina Coeli  
Parish Hall  
(opposite the church)  
Ponyara Road,  
Beverly Hills

- Gold coin donation for tea / coffee
- Bring a snack & water

Contact - Family Educator :  
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### Last Weekend 2 February 2024

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1955.75</b>
1st Collection	\$1139.10
Cashless Giving	\$215

### Attendance

5PM	96
8.30AM	159
10AM	~165
<b>Total</b>	<b>~420</b>



## Excerpts from the Words of Remembrance for Carmelina Sassano (by Luke, grandson)

*Carmelina Sassano was born in 1939, one of nine children... In 1959 Nonna's father, seeking a better life with more opportunities for his family, packed up, left their life behind in Italy and departed on a three-month journey to Australia with Nonna and four of her siblings. They would set up a shared home in Sydenham with other Italian migrants and share many happy memories together.*

*In 1960, Nonna's boyfriend at the time, Giuseppe Sassano, also made the move to Australia. He moved in with Nonna's family, working as a carpenter while Nonna worked as a seamstress. In that same year, Nonna married her soulmate and moved to Tempe.*

*Nonna and Nonno shared a bond that their daughters and grandchildren would look at as an example of true love, cooperation and respect. There was no Carmelina without Giuseppe. They moved to a new country with nothing and worked hard to give their family a better life than they had. Every success in our lives is due to a sacrifice they made in theirs...*

*Nonna taught her daughters her three secrets to happiness, which she also passed on to us. Firstly, she knew that a happy mind, a positive outlook, and resilience to overcome life's challenges were vital... Secondly, Nonna believed that you had to look good to feel good. In her 80s, Nonna was more active than most of her family combined. She'd spend her days at the gym, walking and doing Pilates or Zumba. We honestly thought she would outlive us all... Lastly, and most importantly, Nonna believed strongly in the importance of family. She wasn't a fighter. She was a peacemaker. Even on her deathbed, she reinforced her wish for her blood to stick together, no matter what. She was at her happiest when her family was together.*

*As sad as today is knowing that Nonna is gone, there is comfort in knowing that everything Nonna was and what she stood for lives on in her family. No more so than her three daughters, who are more like Nonna than they realise.*



### Enrolment for Year 7 in 2026 at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove

St Ursula's College is now accepting applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2026 from baptised female students of families who regularly worship in this Parish and who are currently enrolled in Year 5.

If you are interested, please complete the enrolment [online](#) via our College website. If you have any questions please contact the College on telephone 9502 3300 option 2 (Enrolments).

### PUBLIC RALLY: 'NEVER AGAIN IS NOW'

When: Sunday 18 February, 3.00 pm.

Where: Sydney (location to be advised)



What is it? An event for EVERYONE. Organised by a group of Christian people who believe we need to stand against that most ancient of racial hatreds, anti-Semitism. We are committed to ensuring that no such evil finds a home in our beautiful country of Australia. We know that the history and politics of the Middle East is complicated and contested. However, we firmly believe that there is never an excuse for antisemitism. Whatever our views might be on the war in Gaza, we believe Australians must stand together in solidarity with our Jewish friends and neighbours. We will sing. We will pray. We will push back the darkness and the hatred. The event will occur over 1.5 hours in a large location in Central Sydney. Location to be announced closer to the event (for security). NSW Police and Community Security Group (CSG) are involved to facilitate community safety on the day.

Follow and grow the movement on Social Media found at [www.neveragainisnow.com.au](http://www.neveragainisnow.com.au)



**The New Roof Project is now due to start in early March. Thank you for your patience.**



### Project Compassion 2024

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes\* and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

\*To be picked up at the eastern church door.

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at **(02) 9390 5810** or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

**First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46**

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7**

*(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. By now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1**

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A great prophet has appeared among us;**

**God has visited his people.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 1:40-45**

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.