



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

Sunday of the Resurrection 31 March 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



Regina and Veronica have done it again! Last week they provided hundreds of hand-made palm crosses for the parish. This week they have donated stunning, fresh flowers for Easter 2024. Then Jence, Maya and Raewyn utilised the flowers by setting up a beautiful altar of repose for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, at which I thought we had the biggest Holy Thursday attendance ever, at least over the past 7 Easters!

At the request of the Chancery, our church was left open until midnight on Holy Thursday. There was definitely a stronger than usual stream of pilgrims who chose Regina Coeli as one of the stations in the Seven Church Visitation, which continued until about 11:30pm, after which some of our own parishioners kept vigil.

Whenever fatigue and sleepiness found me, I could easily identify with the disciples who could not stay awake in the Garden of Gethsemane.

On Good Friday the church was completely full for both the Way of the Cross and the commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord. The reenactment became extra dramatized when, after Jesus died on the cross (acting), one of the soldiers stumbled as though about to fall (not acting). After a ten minute stoppage, he appeared to be ok. No doubt, a whole new dimension had been added to our contemplation of the Way of the Cross!



We now have a 'new roof,' by which I mean 'new tiles' which hopefully will serve the parish well for the next 50+ years. I wish to thank Deab Succar and Michael Moore who have been indispensable in bringing the project to a happy conclusion. The process of tile replacement was truly a spectacle to behold! Some called it a young men's job, as it seemed to involve running across the roof at times, almost like trained ninjas. Thanks be to God for no injury!

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The Week Ahead

Sun 31 March Easter Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 1 April	No Mass
Tue 2 April Easter Octave	9.15am Mass
Wed 3 April Easter Octave	7.00am Mass 9:15am Whole School Mass
Thu 4 April Easter Octave	9.15am Mass
Fri 5 April Easter Octave	9.15am Mass 2.15pm School Rosary
Sat 6 April Easter Octave	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation
	4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 7 April Divine Mercy	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass

Wed 3 April, 6pm

BLESSINGS & CHALLENGES OF FATHERHOOD



**Special guest:
Dr Louis Shidiak**

Venue: Regina Coeli School
Undercover Area & Indoor Space

Cost: \$10 to cover the cost of food,
BYO drinks (alcohol allowed)

RSVP: scan QR code on the right
(<https://forms.gle/YPFZku3XyDZozn3c8>)

Program: 6pm Dinner, 7pm Testimony
by Dr Louis Shidiak, 7:30pm Q&A,
8pm Event concludes



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Recently Deceased

Pat McCoy, Edmond Nahum, Maria Gilio, Helena Hallinan, Frances Jones, Bill McGrath, Armando Alberici, Carmelina Sassano, Lucita Lucena, Tony Deng, Val Green, Rula Hanna, Terence Wall, Anton Mandich, Pat Mortimer, Patricia Johnson

In Loving Memory

Michael Camporeale, Eddie Da Silva, Grazia Campagna, Anthony & Doris Micallef, Nicola & Charlie Lo Russo, Sonia Moore, Ugo Buracchi, Jusuf Oentojo, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Peter Pezzutti, Jose Gomes, Donato Tozzi, Donato Carnevale, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Joseph Gayed, 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.

A statement from Sydney Catholic Schools regarding Enrolment

Year 5 parents: please submit your applications for Year 7 as soon as possible. The secondary schools are closing on different dates over this fortnight. For those Catholic parents and students who are active members of the Regina Coeli parish, please leave your reference forms with Fr Peter or the parish office.

Regina Coeli Catholic Parish is a local designated parish for Marist College Penshurst, Marist College Kogarah, St Ursula's College Kingsgrove and Bethany College Hurstville. Catholic families with authentic references will be given priority in the enrolment process.



A special thanks to Hala for yet again making a large box full of Easter gifts for children!

Parish Rosary Statue

This week the parish Rosary statue will be welcomed into the home of Mr & Mrs J. Lau



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Last Weekend 24 March 2024

2nd Collection	\$2132.15
1st Collection	\$1750.55
Cashless Giving	\$400

Attendance

5PM	~130
8.30AM	185
10AM	~270
Total	~585

Continued from Page 1 The next project is that of repainting the church interior. For obvious reasons the exterior had to be repaired first. The same principles would apply but in reverse when it comes to us who are not merely physical (like buildings) but also spiritual ('image of God'). Certainly, Jesus performed exterior miracles, but the greatest of all his miracles was of the interior kind, effected by his death and resurrection!

The following is a true story about a parishioner who about 4 years ago noticed a lump under his armpit. Upon medical examination, he was found to have stage four melanoma, which had been hard to detect with hardly any outward sign. With time running out, the doctors thought that they would have to at the very least surgically remove the lump under the armpit, which would have been an arduous procedure for anyone who was 90+. A date and operation theatre had been booked.

As providence would have it, his case was discussed in the presence of a doctor who had been pioneering a new way of treatment for melanoma: *infusion*, whereby melanoma is treated *from within*, by allowing the body's immune system to attack the cancer cells, in contrast to the more traditional method of physically removing melanoma *from without*. So, at the last minute before the impending surgery, the plan changed and, now, four years later, our parishioner has been declared *clear*!

Can we see in this story an analogy to the manner in which God saves us? The power of mercy unleashed by the death and resurrection of Jesus works on us *from within*, by healing and renewing our interior or the most spiritual part of who we are, namely, the heart. As I am fond of saying, what happens in our conscience had cosmic significance because there is no limit to the renewal which can be effected in our world when we are truly and thoroughly renewed from within. Such is the merciful power of Christ who is risen! - Fr Peter -

Welcome to new Catholics at Regina Coeli!

I am seeking to become Catholic so my daughters and I can have a loving relationship with God. I want them to live in a world where they know they can always turn to God for strength, because growing up can be challenging. I would like them to grow up knowing they are loved and supported by God so they are not afraid to live life to their full potential. - Teresa Tang -



I have always grown up with faith in god and that never left me. I felt it was time to ground my faith and the Catholic religion felt right to me. I love the values and the community. My husband and my kids are baptised Catholic and we are raising our family up within the values of the religion. The more I learnt about it the more I felt connected to it. This marks a step towards grounding what I had always felt in my heart and I look forward to becoming more part of the church and its community. - Sally Ramzan -

For many years I had been wanting to take the next 'step' in my faith journey with God, officially becoming baptised and becoming a Catholic. I am surrounded by a supportive family who share the same love for the Catholic teachings as myself. I attended a Catholic High School and University which really confirmed my love for God and instilled a sense of belonging for myself in the Catholic church. As I grew older throughout my teenage years, I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about God, his teachings and the Gospel. This is where my personal relationship with God really flourished and grew stronger. I'm excited to take the next step in becoming Catholic and receiving the sacrament of Baptism. - Teagan Lang -

I was baptised and raised Presbyterian. The impetus to become Catholic came after becoming a mother to twins, with this came an unconscious shift in both heart and mind as my mindset changed drastically in a very short period of time. This occasionally led to thoughts of being chosen to take on this challenging role because, well, why me? After reflecting on this intense period of my life, I felt blessed and had a sense that this unforeseen yet beautiful change was meant to be for my own personal spiritual growth. Namely the opening up of one's heart, rejection of selfishness and letting go of perfectionism among others. At this point I started to feel the need to reconnect with God and in fact felt as if for the first time I was, indeed am, beginning to know what it is to experience a holy presence in my life. The physical connection to God in the Catholic Church resonated with my experience.

Joining the Catholic community at Regina Coeli for my children to grow spiritually was another important consideration. And just as family brought me to the Catholic Church, my hope is that my family come to know our local Church. - Natalie May -

First Friday Monthly Rosary

A book will be placed on the altar rails in Our Lady's Chapel for petitions to be included in Our Holy Rosary starting at 10am on Friday April 5th.

All welcome.

Regina Coeli Grief Support Group.



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: Mk 16:1-7

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."'

or at Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

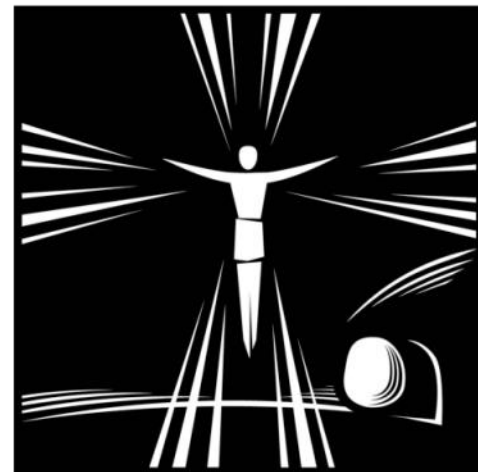
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said 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

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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