



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



# Weekly Newsletter

## 3rd Sunday of Easter 14 April 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

At 6pm on Wednesday 3 April, 18 fathers and I gathered for dinner with beer. After an hour of sharing a meal and socialising, we went inside for a presentation by Dr Louis Shidiak who is an orthopaedic surgeon, the chief medical officer for Parramatta Eels and, most importantly, a proud father of three children who never cease to amaze him and allow him to engage with what is at the very heart of human existence, namely, love.

Louis was raised by parents who came from North Lebanon. Faith has always been important e.g. Sunday Mass has been a non-negotiable. He still uses everyday the prayer given him by his catechist in Year 5. At 29 he married the love of his life who is perhaps even more passionate about the faith. Being a father has meant needing to learn more so as to be able to teach his children, as well as checking himself in order to set a good Christian example for them.

He summed up the father's role in 3 P's: Provide, Protect and (be) Present. Finding the right balance between the responsibilities can be a challenge at times e.g. juggling personal and professional life, or knowing to what extent to sacrifice personal wellbeing for the wellbeing of children, etc. In hindsight, he thought he could have done more to inculcate discipline in his children, especially through better communication rather than by resorting to anger, frustration or other forms of impatience.

An excellent, comprehensive presentation was followed by good discussions amongst the participants. It was marvellous to see how easily and interestedly the fathers could relate to one another. Just as no child is the same, there is no single way to be a father. But fraternally reflecting together on the gift of fatherhood can only help each person to grow into the best father they can be. Some conversations continued even past 9pm, at which point I had to declare, 'The event is ended, go home in peace!'  
- Fr Peter -



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# The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 14 April</b> 3rd Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass
<b>Mon 15 April</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 16 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 17 April</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 18 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 19 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 20 April</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 21 April</b> 4th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

# TELL NSW MPS TO REJECT THE GREENWICH "EQUALITY" BILL

Despite being promoted as being about 'equality', the Greenwich bill will:

- X Remove protections** for religious schools and other faith-based institutions in our anti-discrimination laws
- X Strip away public decency laws for prostitution** and allow prostitutes to solicit for business outside churches and schools
- X Let men access women's-only spaces** by allowing them to change their sex on official documents;
- X Legalise commercial surrogacy** and place vulnerable women at risk, in Australia and overseas
- X Remove the need for parental consent for children's medical treatment** allowing kids and doctors to override the wishes of parents



Have your say by completing a short, parliamentary survey into the bill.  
Scan this QR code and indicate that you **OPPOSE** every part of the bill.

The bill is so extreme that we need to send a message to MPs to reject the whole bill.

**The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete and closes in 14 April, so please respond today.**

## 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

Mary Crawford, Alida Clemente, Ariel Fiorini, 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:

Sr Patricia Nichols OP, Josephina Gayed, 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. 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.**

## Parish Rosary Statue

*This week the parish Rosary statue will be welcomed into the home of Mrs Jane Lui*



## LOCAL SINGING TEACHER/COACH

FOR FUN, AUDITIONS, SHOWS & PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL ENTRY

PLEASE CONTACT STEPHANIE 0412 936 166 - for more information



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**REC**  
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## Last Weekend 7 April 2024

<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$1767.30</b>
1st Collection	\$1184.10
Cashless Giving	\$400

## Attendance

Vigil	118
8.30AM	165
10AM	~180
<b>Total</b>	<b>~463</b>

## New members of St Vincent de Paul urgently needed



"For when I was hungry you gave me food" (Matthew 25:35). Is God calling you to serve others and give a hand up to those in need?

A number of parishioners are members of the Vinnies Beverly Hills conference. We visit those in need in the local community and provide them with food vouchers and other support. Most of us can only volunteer on weekends and we are desperately looking for new members who can help on weekdays.

Any time you can contribute will make a real difference and will provide you the opportunity to put your faith into action by showing compassion to others.

If you can help please email [kate.wall@vinnies.org.au](mailto:kate.wall@vinnies.org.au)

**Confirmation Program 2024** The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Friday 17 May at 7.00pm. Parents of Baptised Roman Catholic children in Year Six or above are invited to enrol their child in the Parish based Confirmation Program. The lessons are to commence on Thursday 2 May at 5.00pm or 6.30pm in the church. The Information and Enrolment letter has been sent home through Regina Coeli School, Beverly Hills North and Narwee Public Schools. It is also available on the Parish website. Thank you.

### URBI ET ORBI MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS EASTER 2024

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen! He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. He, the living One, is himself that path. He is the Way: the way that leads to life, the way of peace, reconciliation and fraternity. He opens that path, humanly impossible, because he alone takes away the sin of the world and forgives us our sins. For without God's forgiveness, that stone cannot be removed. Without the forgiveness of sins, there is no overcoming the barriers of prejudice, mutual recrimination, the presumption that we are always right and others wrong. Only the risen Christ, by granting us the forgiveness of our sins, opens the way for a renewed world.



Welcome to the newest and youngest member of the 8:30am Mass Choir.

Congratulations to Natasha and Glen for their firstborn: Christian!

### Join us for a Love & Truth Weekend Order in Chaos

Spend time away as a couple to focus on your relationship with God, married life, and raising children

Married & Engaged couples welcome

Saturday April 27, 10am to  
Sunday April 28, 3:30pm

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre  
257 St Andrews Rd, Varroville

Cost: \$200 per couple

Information & Registration:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPPE>



Couples will find the retreat more fruitful if they could organise babysitting for the weekend. If this is not possible please enquire about on-site child minding options.

A poster for the Camino of St Joseph pilgrimage. It features a large image of St Joseph's face on the left and a group of men walking on a path on the right. The text includes the title "CAMINO of ST JOSEPH", the dates "26 | 27 APRIL 2024", and a description: "AN OVERNIGHT WALKING PILGRIMAGE FOR MEN IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER." It also provides the website "WWW.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/MAXIMUS", social media handles "@MAXIMUS\_MENS\_MINISTRY\_NETWORK", and a QR code for registrations. Logos for "SYDNEY CENTRE - EVANGELISATION" and "MAXIMUS" are at the bottom.

**First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19**

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7**

*(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.*

or:

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Lk 24:35-48**

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require?

Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread.

In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less.

Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

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