



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



# Weekly Newsletter

## 5th Sunday of Easter 28 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

The Catholic Church celebrated the first Holy Year of Jubilee in 1300 under Pope Boniface VIII. The subsequent jubilees took place every hundred years, before they became more frequent - every fifty years at first and then every twenty five years eventually. The last of them was the Great Jubilee of 2000, which tells that we are due for another one in 2025! **Pope Francis has chosen as the motto of the Jubilee 2025, 'Pilgrims of Hope.'** Here is what he had to say:

*...In the last two years, not a single country has been unaffected by the sudden outbreak of an epidemic...Our churches remained closed, as did our schools, factories, offices, shops, and venues for recreation. All of us saw certain freedoms curtailed, while the pandemic generated feelings not only of grief, but also, at times, of doubt, fear and disorientation...The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...*



A painting by  
Joan Hendrick

So what are we to do between now and the great jubilee of 2025? Pope Francis invites us to prepare for the jubilee by being committed to a year of prayer which is interesting given that I have personally been thinking of the great need for us to talk about *how to pray*. There can be no doubt that Catholics pray, some far more than I do. But how do we pray *effectively*, such that there is maximum room in which the works of God's mercy can be accomplished in us?

**Contemplative prayer: a key to wellbeing and renewal.** This is a working title for a two part presentation I wish to provide for the benefit of anyone who is interested, in the two weeks leading up to Pentecost. I will offer two evening sessions, as well as two morning sessions (more detail on Page 1). Here is Pope Francis on the year of prayer:

*...In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to protect it. Prayer as the expression of a single "heart and soul" (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman in this world to turn to the one God and to reveal to him what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. **In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace and to make the "Our Father," the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.***

- Fr Peter -



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 28 April</b> 5th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 29 April</b> Catherine of Sienna	No Mass
<b>Tue 30 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Wed 1 May</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 2 May</b> St Athanasius	9.15am Mass
<b>Fri 3 May</b> Sts Philip & James	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 4 May</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 5 May</b> 6th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

### Recently Deceased

Bruce Dillon, 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

Keith Coyle, Kevin Weeks, Maria Debono, Mary Crawford, Alida Clemente, Ariel Fiorini, Michael Camporeale, Eddie Da Silva, Ugo Buracchi, Jusuf Oentojo, Carmelo Algozzino, Cono Reale, Peter Pezzutti, Donato Tozzi, Donato Carnevale, Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Bob Henderson.

**Please remember those who are in ill health especially:** David Kuk, 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.

### Parish Rosary Statue

*This week  
the parish Rosary statue will be  
welcomed into the home of  
Mrs Joan Maher*



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&  
Fri 11am-4pm

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**School Principal**  
Mrs Lee Scola  
Asst. Principal  
Mr Peter Busch  
  
**REC**  
Ms Lisa Scott

# PLAYGROUP

CRAWLERS TO PRE-KINDY



Starting Thursday 9th May  
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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## Take to the Streets – Sydney Processions

Bring your families, friends, parish, and school communities – walk with us and celebrate our faith in the streets of Sydney! Join the **Fatima Rosary Procession on 11 May** at 6pm, St Mary's Cathedral. Then come to the **Walk with Christ Procession on 2 June**, starting at Martin Place.

For more information on both processions, visit:

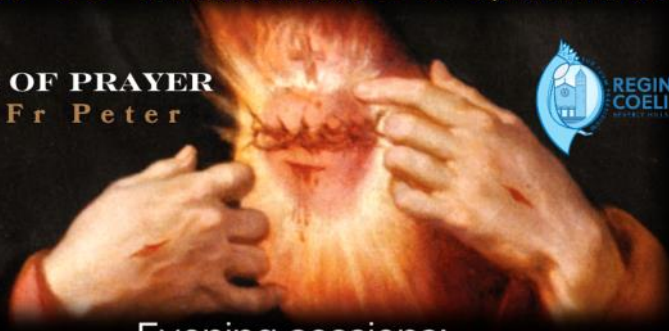
<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/events>

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## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER: A KEY TO WELLBEING & RENEWAL

YEAR OF PRAYER  
By Fr Peter



Evening sessions:

Wednesday 7pm, 8 & 15 May 2024

Morning sessions:

Friday 9:50am, 10 & 17 May 2024

**Last Weekend**  
**21 April 2024**

**2nd Collection \$1581.80**

1st Collection \$840.80

Cashless Giving \$250

### Attendance

Vigil 102

8.30AM ~130

10AM ~155

**Total ~387**



## MIRACLE AT REGINA COELI Part 1/2

By humble servant of God: Josephine Bridge 13.3.2024

Psalm 9:1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

*I very much like to share about a miracle that happened a couple of years ago in Regina Coeli church. This miracle for which I didn't have the courage to share, even though I felt like standing on rooftops and proclaiming, "Jesus is alive in the tabernacle, body, blood, soul and Divinity." It took me a couple of months to build up courage to share it with Fr Peter Kwak, our parish priest and those who knew me well enough. I prayed and waited on the Holy Spirit to impress upon my heart, as to when I should testify about this miracle to our parish community. It has been weighing heavily on me for close to two years. I feel the time has now come for me to share about this miracle.*

*It happened after a choir practice. The Choir Master and I would be the last to leave. He would lock up, while I waited for him for a ride back home. It was habitual for me, before leaving, to genuflect before the Eucharistic Lord and say, "I love you Lord, good night." I know, the good night part sounds silly now, but that is how I bade goodbye to the Lord. On this particular night, as I turned to the Eucharistic Lord, what I witnessed amazed me. I stood shell-shocked and dumbfounded. The whole front part of the tabernacle was lit-up with laser like light of beautiful colours. The laser strips of lights running vertically, seemed like they crossed each other somehow in different parts. I kept repeatedly saying, "forgive me Lord, I am a sinner and so unworthy." I felt like my heart would explode. As I turned to walk away, I wondered if I had imagined it. I turned around, and went back to face the tabernacle. THE VISION REMAINED. God knew this silly child of his will return to check on the reality of it all. God's eyes are on all of us, every moment. I became tongue-tied. Couldn't even call my Choir Master, nor was I able to share with him right away what I have just witnessed.*

*Where Jesus is present, so is the Father. Where the Father and Son dwell, so present is the Holy Spirit. Where the Holy Trinity dwells, there are hosts of angels and saints to worship and adore. I believe this is the new Holy of Holies for therein dwells, The Bread come down from heaven, The High Priest and The Word. When Jesus died, the curtain to the Holy of Holies in the temple was torn. We are now blessed, as a holy people and as a priestly people, to approach reverently, to receive the Eucharist Lord.*

Prayer: O Lord, may the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, where heaven and earth meet, draw us ever so close to the heart and arm of the Father. May this mystical, spiritually rich and yet so real a heavenly experience be our always. In Jesus Name we pray. AMEN AMEN AMEN.

### Retreat Day for Men

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 9am - 4pm at St Benedict's Broadway.

Some additional info you may like to include around the flyer / mention to parishioners as follows:

- The retreat is organised by Notre Dame Chaplaincy but is open to all men in the wider Sydney Archdiocese.
- The event is **free**, but registration is essential for catering purposes
- The registration link is <https://www.trybooking.com/CRFQW>
- Talks will be alternated with time for personal prayer and reflection, Adoration, Confession, Meals (Morning tea & lunch provided) and the retreat day will conclude with Mass celebration.



*Iris Owens has been a committed active member of Regina Coeli Parish for decades, until the deterioration of her mental and physical health. She is now a permanent resident close by, in Ferndale Gardens, Mortdale.*

*If any parishioners were available to visit Iris during the day, just to sit and chat with her or read something simple to her, the family would be very grateful. We all visit regularly, but with work, family, and distance competing for our time, the more visits to give Iris some company the better. Thank you, Maree Owens (daughter)*



*Behold, I make all things new.*  
(Lk. 24:5)

A EUCHARISTIC RETREAT DAY  
for those involved in Liturgical Ministries

**11 May 2024, 10AM - 4PM**

St Martha's, Leichhardt



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*Saint Cecilia.*  
Founded in 1866 - Nashville

Register using [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com)

Questions: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

### First Friday Monthly Rosary

*A book for petitions is on the Altar rails in Our Lady's Chapel.  
Petitions will be included in Our Holy Rosary  
starting at 10am on Friday 3rd May.  
All welcome.*

*Regina Coeli Grief Support Group.*



**First Reading Acts 9:26-31**

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26**

*(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

or:

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24**

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;*

*my branches bear much fruit.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 15:1-8**

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

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