



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



# Weekly Newsletter

## 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) 7 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

First things first. Happy Easter! In the Catholic Church, Easter is celebrated for 8 days ('Easter Octave'). I wondered what might be some of our Easter blessings which are deserving of further reflection and mention, starting with how the new roof project has been completed just in time for the marathon of a downpour toward the end of the week! Here are some of the other examples:



Every Holy Thursday the statue of Our Lady is moved off from the side-altar to make room for a tabernacle which is rather heavy. One of our acolytes has been helping me with the moving and then with the restoration afterward. Substantial changes happen to the sanctuary three times in three days. Firstly for the altar of repose on Holy Thursday. Secondly when everything is stripped to bare minimum for Good Friday. Thirdly for the Easter Vigil when almost all the stops are pulled out in order to express something of the Easter joy. All this somehow gets done because helpers always emerge, thanks be to God!

What was unusual this year was that there were two incidents of fainting within 48 hours. The first was already mentioned in last week's bulletin. The second happened during the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday. I guess that both days were reasonably warm and the church was completely full. Reduced airflow might have been a contributing factor. But on both occasions the person who fainted recovered shortly after so as to eliminate the worst of our fears. Interestingly enough, there was at least one medical doctor in the congregation both times, a fact of which helped to restore a sense of safety in our midst, thanks be to God!

The overall numbers were the best since 2020! The Holy Thursday attendance seemed stronger than ever. The numbers on Easter Sunday were excellent, bringing back the phenomenon of people standing outside due to lack of space inside. The Easter Vigil attendance could have been stronger but '276' was still a very good number. Recently, there was a news article in which the Easter Vigil was described as a dying ceremony. That certainly isn't happening at Regina Coeli! As a matter of fact, I believe the Easter Vigil can become once again the most treasured of all ceremonies, especially as we rediscover the supreme benefit of *contemplation* which requires being patient and being present!

Speaking of contemplation, the theme of Easter 2024 was in fact 'contemplation,' at least in my own mind. I made the following statements and intentionally so: 'How does what God has done by dying and rising actually help us with the real issues of our personal lives? The answer is *through contemplation!*' 'The Easter Triduum is designed to help us enter into a contemplative state, in which what God has done for us and what our crosses are, as it were, come together.' 'God's work of redemption continues in us, especially when we engage in contemplative activities which include but are not limited to prayer and worship, etc.'

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# The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 7 April</b> Divine Mercy	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass
<b>Mon 8 April</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 9 April</b>	9.15am <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wed 10 April</b>	7.00am <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thu 11 April</b> St Stanislaus	9.15am <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Fri 12 April</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 13 April</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 14 April</b> 3rd Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## 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

Alida Clemente, Ariel Fiorini, Michael Campo-reale, 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:

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  
Mr & Mrs B. Kelly*



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Tues 11am-4pm  
&

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10.30am - 4.00pm

**School Principal**

Mrs Lee Scola

Asst. Principal

Mr Peter Busch

**REC**

Ms Lisa Scott

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.**

## 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.**



Good Friday	
Attendance	~400
Collection (Holy Land)	\$1855

Last Weekend 31 March 2024	
<b>2nd Collection</b>	<b>\$2741.90</b>
1st Collection	\$2851.20
Cashless Giving	\$650

Attendance	
Vigil	276
8.30AM	332
10AM	~400
<b>Total</b>	<b>~1008</b>

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Clergy conferences in Sydney Archdiocese usually happen about three times a year and go for about half a day each time. But every second year or so, there is a longer clergy conference which facilitates a gathering of greater substance. There has not been a clergy conference of the latter kind since 2018 due to the pandemic. So, for the first time in 6 years, there will be a three day live-in clergy conference this week. The vast majority of priests from Sydney, along with all the bishops, will be in attendance, including retired clergy such as our own Fr Paul Hilder. This means that there will be **no priest to celebrate Mass here at Regina Coeli on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.** Sorry for any inconvenience. Please keep the conference in your prayer!

The following clergy are available for ministry during the three day clergy conference:

**Central Deanery:** Fr Jacek Cichy (except Monday 8th April, and afternoon of Wednesday 10th April) (0438 344 540) / [jacek.cichy@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:jacek.cichy@sydneycatholic.org)

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**City Deanery:** Ring the Cathedral (02 9220 0400)

**St George Deanery:** Ring the Redemptorists at Kogarah: 02 9553 3777

- Fr Peter -

**Day of the Unborn Child**

... I will not forget you.  
I have carved you on  
the palm of my hands  
*Isaiah 49*

**10:30am Mass**  
St Mary's Cathedral

**12 noon Angelus**  
Followed by a prayerful  
**Street Procession**  
Led by Archbishop Fisher and  
Bishop Umbers (and others),  
followed by an address at  
Parliament House by our  
**Guest Speaker**  
Archbishop Julian Porteous

**1:30pm Benediction**  
St Mary's Cathedral

The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the **Day of the Unborn Child**. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb. It is a day of remembrance of the dignity of the unborn and of the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by the violence of abortion.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher

Family Life International Patron  
Archbishop Julian Porteous

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**Sydney, Sunday 14 April 2024**

**First Reading Acts 4:32-35**

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1**

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the  
Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6**

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 20:19-31**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

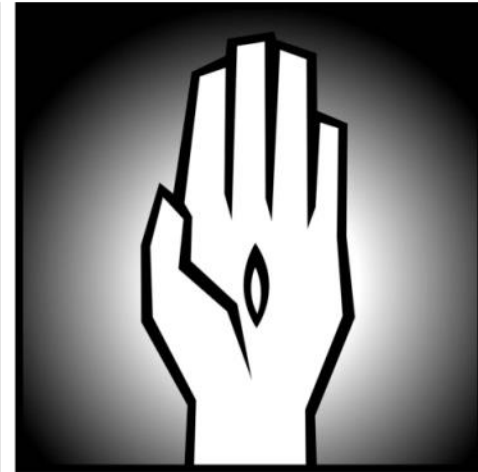
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another.

The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative.

The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence.

The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

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