



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

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 Ascension of the Lord 12 May 2024 (Mother's Day)

In spite of the unencouraging weather, a lot seems to be happening at the parish of Regina Coeli! As we celebrate Ascension Sunday, we also recognise that it is Coral Sea Sunday. There is a story behind the significance of Coral Sea Sunday for Regina Coeli. One of our local "historians" or the former wife of a military man - Anne Kensey - shares with us that story below. But here is a sneak preview: the story goes that the Battle of the Coral Sea was one of the inspirations for how our church came to be built as a war memorial church, whilst also being dedicated to Our Lady Queen of Heaven (Regina Coeli).

Speaking of Mary, this weekend we also celebrate Mother's Day. In my first talk on contemplative prayer, I spoke of the importance of fostering a contemplative dimension in how we exercise our faith and how we pray. After all, we are made in the image of God who is a holy trinity. Therefore authentic prayer should have a dimension which is personal, relational, communal and trinitarian! But this is also where mothers excel in their radical commitment to making room for another person physically, emotionally and spiritually.

On Friday the archbishop of Sydney himself will visit Regina Coeli and confirm around 56 children. The ceremony will be followed by a communal celebration in the hall with pizzas and other finger food, etc. I have been speaking to the children about the importance of making room in our hearts for the Holy Spirit who takes us on a heart journey - a journey into the depth of our soul - so as to set us free by activating in us the hidden powers of love! Which is precisely what mothers undergo when they are urged to go deeper than they thought was possible and discover the powers of love they didn't know they had!

Of course, another communal celebration will happen two days later on Pentecost Sunday! I am hoping that the current lack of good weather might be indicative of some wonderful weather just around the corner. Other than the weather factor, all the signs are pointing in the right direction and I think we can reasonably hope for a great celebration consisting of joyful company and **premium** BBQ! There is one other special occasion which will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday but I will keep this one a surprise. Please stay tuned, you will be absolutely delighted!

- Fr Peter -

The following has been written by Anne Kensey:

The Battle of the Coral Sea plays a very significant role in the history of Regina Coeli Church, Beverly Hills. The battle spanning from May 4th to May 8th 1942. This confrontation unfolded over several days. The Japanese strategy aimed at isolating Australia, a crucial ally of the United States and counter-offensive operations in the Pacific. By advancing towards Port Moresby in New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, Japan intended to cut off Australia from its Ally, diminishing its capacity to serve as a launchpad for allied actions.



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The Week Ahead

Sun 12 May Ascension	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 13 May	No Mass
Tue 14 May Matthias	9.15am Mass with Yr5 11.00am Funeral Mass for Mimma Vozzo
Wed 15 May	7.00am Mass 9.00am Adoration with Yrs6&4
Thu 16 May	9.15am Mass with Year 6 Confirmation Retreat Day
Fri 17 May	9.15am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation Mass
Sat 18 May	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 19 May Pentecost	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass followed by Pentecost BBQ

Recently Deceased

Mimma Vozzo, Bishop Peter Ingham, 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

Patricia Johnson, Theresa & Edward Cantwell, Margaret and Noel Staines, 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 Algoz-

Parish Rosary Statue

This week the parish Rosary statue will be welcomed into the home of Miss Betty Meaney



On Musical ministry by Natasha De Mel

There are many ways to pray and be immersed in our faith. Prayer through music is just one that we are so very fortunate to have in spades at Regina Coeli. The musical ministry does not discriminate. There are no auditions, there are no special requirements, you are always welcome with open arms.



Regina Coeli has been my church for the last 37 years and I have been part of the musical ministry since I was just 7 years old. Under the watchful eye of the late choir master Eric Pearce, my family joined the 8:30am choir back in the early 90's. We sang from the upstairs loft, our organist was Deacon Frank Zacka and we learnt our church song in four part harmonies, "Regina Coeli" (which you may now just catch on special occasions, still in four part harmonies which have been passed down). I have been so very fortunate to sing alongside Wendy Phillips. She has been an integral and driving force of the 8:30am choir for over 40 years and in that time she has been a talented soprano, 8:30am choir coordinator and one of the most organised and dedicated people I know.



Being part of this ministry over the years has seen all three choirs unite for special masses including Easter and Christmas and the introduction of the Christmas Carols in 2021 through collaboration and planning with Saturday night pianist Lauren Lim

(another talented musician, who not only plays for the vigil mass each week but also helps out with other masses and plays at another church too - talk about committed!). Whilst our first year of carols didn't exactly go to plan due to covid restrictions, the carols were still sung and recorded for all and shared via Facebook. 2024 will be the 4th year for our church carols and we hope that more voices can join us as we sing together as a community. I fondly look back and reflect on the opportunities, friendships and memories that this ministry has also provided me. It isn't just about the music. It is also the sense of community and belonging that it fosters: *We sing together. We pray together. We grow in our faith together.*

I hope by sharing my story and commitment to this ministry, I hope I can inspire you and your families to consider one of the many ministries that you can take part in at Regina Coeli.



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Last Weekend 5 May 2024

2nd Collection	\$1391.85
1st Collection	\$985.20
Cashless Giving	\$180

Attendance

Vigil	116
8.30AM	133
10AM	~145
Total	~394



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REGINA COELI FORMS

You may have noticed that the volunteer form has returned at the church doors. This form is for new parishioners to introduce themselves and/or to become a volunteer at Regina Coeli, including for all parishioners. The other side of the form is labelled "Suggestions." You might like to make comments or suggestions for the parish. Your name and contact details here are optional.

Both volunteering and offering suggestions are greatly appreciated. They are some ways of spreading Christ's message of caring for each other and building a Christian, happy community. Completed forms can be put into the large black box on the table at the entrance on Our Lady's Altar side of the church.



Unfinished business

Last week you might have noticed that the article on Bishop Ingham by Elizabeth Gooley came to a rather abrupt ending. But this was because her last paragraphs were mistakenly left out. So here is the rest of her article:

Our youngest son Nicholas who was about 6 years old at the time...fell asleep his head resting on the pew behind, his mouth wide open, sitting directly in front of poor Bishop Peter delivering his homily! We were embarrassed to say the least. After Mass, we apologised to Bishop Peter. He laughed and laughed and said words to the effect, that probably all the congregation was as bored as Nicholas, but he was young enough to be able show it!

Bishop Peter Ingham was a very humble, faithful and pastoral priest. He radiated and spoke of God's love to those whom he ministered. May he now peacefully rest in the merciful embrace of our loving God.



An invitation is extended to all those who are bereaved, especially those whose loved ones have received care at Calvary Health Care Kogarah Hospital and Community. The Remembrance Service will be held May 18th at 2pm in Calvary's Chapel, 91 – 111 Rocky Point Road, Kogarah. Attendees are invited to bring a photo of the person they are remembering. Light refreshments follow the service.

Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2024



Join us for a BBQ to celebrate Pentecost 2024
Sunday 19th May after 10am mass.

Lunch, drinks and good company provided.

There will be a jumping castle and music set up for the kids so please bring the whole family along. Bring a picnic rug.

Wear something red for Pentecost

If you are able to, please bring a fruit or dessert plate to share.

If you are able to and would like to help on the day or by donating drinks or making a salad, please find a list at the back of the church to put your details on. Thank you!!

For any queries please contact Sally. 0411 288 243

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or (R.) Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength

of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

or Eph 4:1-7. 11-13

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place in our journey, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ.

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