



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



# Weekly Newsletter

## 6th Sunday of Easter 5 May 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

Around 56 children, in the lead-up to Pentecost, have started their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Also, in the lead-up to Pentecost, I will start this week a two-part series on the topic of *Contemplative prayer: a key to wellbeing and renewal*. Each week there will be an evening session and a morning session, the content of which will be the same in both. More detail can be found on Page 2 or the posters around the church.

On the day of Pentecost itself - Sunday 19 May - there will be another great BBQ after the 10am Mass, for the fourth year in a row, to celebrate the birthday of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, as well as the life and meaning of our own local church! More detail can be found on Page 3 or the posters around the church. I believe that volunteers and other contributors are needed for what should be another joyous occasion!  
- Fr Peter -

### The following has been written by Elizabeth Gooley:

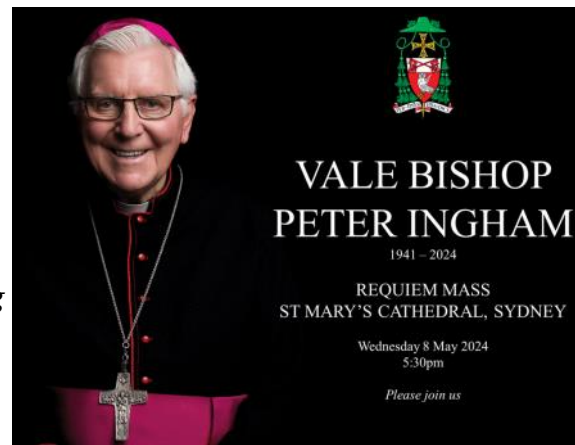
*As we have heard, Bishop Peter William Ingham passed away last Friday 26 April, at the age of 83 years, after having served almost 60 years in the priesthood. He was ordained in 1964, and in 1993 he was made an Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney and then in 2001, Bishop of Wollongong until his retirement in 2017.*

*Many parishioners would remember Bishop Peter coming and saying Mass for us during the time Fr Paul Hilder was our parish priest. When Bishop Peter was not committed with other Sydney engagements, he would call Fr Paul to ask if he could say a weekend Mass. Bishop Peter was living at Clemton Park at the time.*

*Fr Paul and Bishop Peter were good friends. This friendship was from the days Fr Paul was Archbishop Clancy's private secretary and Bishop Peter, then Fr Peter, was the Secretary of the Sydney Archdiocese.*

*I have very fond memories of Bishop Peter's warmth and outreach to the parishioners when he blessed us with his presence to say Mass. He also had a lovely sense of humour, which I remember on one particular occasion during a Saturday Vigil Mass:*

*Our youngest son Nicholas who was about 6 years old at the time, liked to sit in the front pew on his own to watch his older brothers altar serve, with my husband and I sitting a few pews behind. Nicholas had a habit of falling asleep during Mass. On this particular occasion, he 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.*



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## The Week Ahead

<b>Sun 5 May</b> 6th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
<b>Mon 6 May</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue 7 May</b>	9.15am Mass 9:50am Reconciliation 3B
<b>Wed 8 May</b>	7.00am Mass
<b>Thu 9 May</b>	9.15am Mass with Year 1 9:50am Reconciliation 3W
<b>Fri 10 May</b>	9.15am Mass
<b>Sat 11 May</b>	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation  4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
<b>Sun 12 May</b> The Ascension of the Lord	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

## From Elly the Family Educator

**Thur 9 May 9am – WEEKLY PLAYGROUP** in the Parish Hall starts this week and will continue throughout Term 2. No RSVP required.

**Sat 11 May 6pm Mass** at St Mary's Cathedral followed by Candle-light procession for the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Please email [eleonora.razzoli@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eleonora.razzoli@syd.catholic.edu.au) if you plan to attend, to arrange meeting point.

**Wed 15 May 6:30pm – WOMEN'S HEALTH NIGHT.** A joint initiative organised in collaboration with 15 schools from the St George's network. The evening will start off with some food & drinks and will be followed by testimonies and inspirational talks from wonderful women including Bridget Sakr from Heartfelt, MGL Sister Bernadette Toohey and Dr Christina Kondo. The event will be held at St Raphael's, South Hurstville. Please RSVP asap using the via [this link](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1206942) (<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1206942>). Limited spots available.

**Sat 18 May 9am to 4pm – RETREAT DAY FOR MEN: St Teresa's of Avila's teaching of prayer as friendship with God.** The event will be held at St Benedict's Church, Broadway and is free of charge. Please **RSVP** using [this link](https://www.trybooking.com/CRFQW) ([www.trybooking.com/CRFQW](https://www.trybooking.com/CRFQW)). Limited spots available.

### Recently Deceased

Bishop Peter Ingham, 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

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 Algozzino, Damiano Serravalle, Mary Daniels, Anne Kensey, Geoff McDowell.

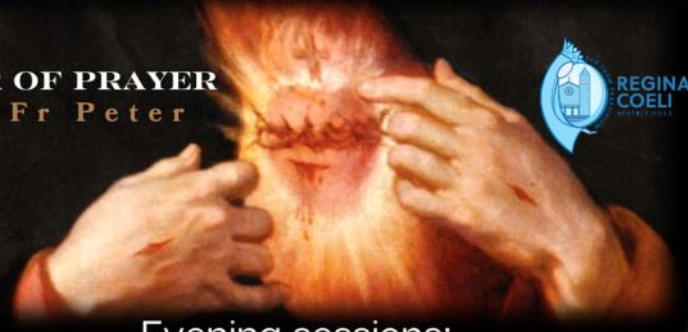
### Parish Rosary Statue

*This week  
the parish Rosary statue will be  
welcomed into the home of  
Mrs J. Markos*



## 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

### A two-part talk on contemplative prayer @ Church

*What is new about the world as result of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus? How does it help us with all of life's problems? The redemptive grace of the risen Christ works primarily by renewing us from within. This is why prayer matters, especially contemplative prayer, which makes room for the medicine of God's mercy to work in us. If we want wellbeing and renewal, then, we need to cooperate with the Divine Doctor, in the process of which prayer plays an essential part. This is true for everyone, beginners and experts alike. So, how can we pray more contemplatively, whether we spend 15 minutes, 50 minutes or 5 hours a day in prayer?*

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&

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**REC**

Ms Lisa Scott

### Last Weekend

28 April 2024

**2nd Collection \$1870.60**

1st Collection \$1135.55

Cashless Giving \$450

### Attendance

Vigil 98

8.30AM ~120

10AM ~145

**Total ~363**



## MIRACLE AT REGINA COELI Part 2/2

By humble servant of God: Josephine Bridge 13.3.2024

Man says, "show me a miracle and I will believe". Like the men who demanded, "Jesus, come down from the cross, so we may believe you are the Son of God". God seemed to say, "believe, and you shall witness, and also experience miracles." We as Catholics witness the greatest miracle, happening all over the world, which is the perpetual sacrifice, on all the altars, that becomes the table of the Lord. Though I am a sinner, yet God in his great goodness, led me to **experience** miracles, including inward miracles and permitted opportunities for me to **witness** awesome miracles in the life of other Catholics. God has been very good to me. May his name be praised forever. We are living in such a time and culture, where miracles and the supernatural works of God are not easily believed. Sadly many Catholics do not believe in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Enemy leads many to miss out on the true God who came and continues to be present to feed us and bless us. Now documented in the World Wide Web by a young millennial, by the name of Blessed Carlos Acutis are all the Eucharistic miracles that have happened around the world. Invite you to google and read more about the young Blessed Carlos. Coming from a millennial, the young members of our parish and families might be more open to read/explore etc. on the topic of the Eucharistic Lord.

It is good to come spiritually prepared for mass, by reading and meditating on the day's readings, and preparing in our mind, our thanksgiving and personal prayer intentions, and offer it together with prayer of the faithful. Offer it up, when Jesus the perfect sacrificial Lamb is offered up to the Father. The Holy Mass is the re-enactment of the Calvary. The more we bring to the mass, the more we will receive from the mass. **The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic life.** Our faith opens for us a spiritual portal, to stand beneath the cross with Mother Mary, St. John and others. We can feel what they felt, see what they saw, that is, the precious gift of the Father, his only begotten Son's gory death. Witness his precious blood shed for the sins of yours and mine. This sacrifice Jesus makes to the Father, is through the anointed and empowered hands of our priest who can transubstantiate. When we touch Jesus, upon receiving him in the Blessed Eucharist, surely, power, grace, physical healing and **most importantly, inward healings** take place. **What Jesus so desires to give us all is spiritual and eternal.** If we choose to forgive those who offend us, and wish to confess with deep remorse all sins, the Holy Spirit is ever present to help us achieve that goal leading us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once all our sins are forgiven, our relationship and communication channel with God gets restored.

### Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024



**Join us for a BBQ to celebrate Pentecost 2024**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

*(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10**

*God is love.*

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 15:9-17**

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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