



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

Easter Sunday 17 April 2022

Easter is about a new beginning: a new dawn, a new era, a new heart/spirit...a new creation! Do we not dream of a new start? The dream becomes a reality when we follow the Way established by Jesus who died and rose from the dead. So let's examine what constitutes the Paschal Mystery which is at the heart of all things Christian, including the Easter Triduum. Three things come to mind:

The perfection of Jesus: No one could be as innocent or sinless as Jesus who did not put a foot wrong! And yet being impeccable was by no means the greatest aspect of his perfection. After all, we are made in the image of God and our perfection must mirror the perfection of God who is a communion of Divine Persons and not an isolated individual. Therefore it was impossible for Jesus, in his perfect humanity, not to be compassionate or not to feel the pain of those with whom he was in communion.

The greatest possible suffering: A good person cannot be impervious or indifferent to the suffering of others. Jesus, then, in his perfect humanity, was most vulnerable to vicarious suffering, that is, suffering for another. Jesus must have been drawn to the baptism of fire, not merely tolerating it, for the sake of his beloved sufferers. Love made him bear our sufferings. Perfect love rendered him destined for the greatest possible suffering in our fallen and broken world.

How Jesus overcame the greatest possible suffering: not with the might of self-will or by resisting it; instead he surrendered to it, why? Because he trusted in the Father. He allowed God's power (or the Father's glory) to be ushered into our world through his suffering humanity. And, as proven by his resurrection, the power of God's mercy was certain to prevail over everything else, thereby opening the door to a radically new beginning!

How does all of this relate to a new beginning for us, including as a parish? Firstly, let's remain in communion by looking up and marching on; in other words, by exercising our faith! Let's not look down and fall into isolation, either socially or psychologically, and especially not spiritually. Secondly, let's pray for one another, especially for those who are undergoing great suffering. This kind of prayer seems like the perfect remedy for the *misery within* which haunts and fragments all of us. When the pandemic first started I was amazed by the strength of caring network which existed within the elderly in our parish. They had no fancy technology, just the years of experience of being in contact as a family of faith.

What might seem little in the eyes of the world can in fact be the greatest way to bring about change or a new beginning. Jesus chose the way of trust, communion and compassionate service which ushered into our world the greatest power of God to renew and recreate all things, thereby inaugurating the Kingdom of Heaven. I wish to thank everyone who, each in their own way, do their part as members of our parish. Even without a great leader or worldly reward they exercise responsibility by reverently following their conscience and doing what is right. Surely, by imitating Jesus in this way, they help to realise the potential of new beginning for the parish of Regina Coeli!

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 17 April Easter Sunday	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 18 April	No Mass
Tue 19 April	9.15am Mass
Wed 20 April	7am Mass
Thu 21 April	9.15am Mass
Fri 22 April	9.15am Mass
Sat 23 April	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5pm Vigil Mass
Sun 24 April 2nd Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

THURSDAY AFTERNOON TEA (2-4PM) IS BACK

Recently Deceased

Giuseppa Campagna, Patricia McMellon, Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gloria Fisher, Gennaro Sacco, Dorothy Browne, Kathleen Coleman, David Brown, Bill Gately

In Loving Memory

Ugo Burracchi, Tabita Lindarti, Irene Hall, Ariel Fiorini, Tarcisius Sujono Setio Kuncoro, Mary Crawford, Jimmy Simmons, Giuseppe Graniero, The Hayes Family, Anna Maria Cicuto, Joe Poolice

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Pat Mortimer, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

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The Diocese of Lismore 2022 Flood Appeal

The parish of Regina Coeli has raised over \$6000 for this appeal! Apparently, this is the largest amount ever raised by the ladies of St Vincent de Paul Society who are contributing from their own funds to bring up the total to **\$7000** which has already been transferred into the official account for the appeal. Thank you for your generous & sincere expressions of almsgiving this Lent!

At last year's Easter Vigil, one of our gorgeous holy water fonts at the back of the church fell! It seemed that the font had cracked near the base some years prior but the glue that held it together had finally given up. I made a mental note to myself that I had to get it repaired. That was a year ago!

I had been feeling particularly bad about the delay because, after 120 days of lockdown last year, I couldn't possibly claim to have been too busy. Finally, I found a few skilled "Good Samaritans" who were able to find a superior solution this time and "resurrect" the holy water font, just in time for Easter 2022! Alleluia!



Thank you to Joan and Rita who organised holy water bottles to be blessed and distributed at Easter! I know we've had more than plenty of rain as of late. But holy water is for replenishing us from within! **Families are encouraged to gather in their homes and conduct the ritual of blessing their homes with Easter holy water.** Please pick up one bottle of holy water per household and also take home a copy of the 'Blessing of homes during Eastertime' booklet.

A lady by the name of Hala has very kindly made and donated around 100 Easter bunnies! All children who attend Mass over Easter are encouraged to take one home. I believe there is chocolate inside each!



Last Weekend
10 April 2022

2nd Collection \$1474.50

1st Collection \$875.65

Attendance

5PM	~125
8.30AM	~175
10AM	~230+
Total	~530+

Introducing the candidates for RCIA 2022

#6 Justen

I was born in America and moved to Australia as a baby. My mother is Catholic and we grew up with faith and Christian values in our household but I was never baptised. I look forward to getting baptised this Easter as I look to reconnect with my faith and further my relationship with God. My two boys are also now at an age where they are starting to understand and they will be baptised with me. As a child, I attended Catholic school and the faith and values were something that were close to me but it wasn't until I had kids of my own that I have begun to be reconnected with faith and look to bring them up with the same faith, belief and values. I also miss being part of a community which was present during my schooling years and taking part in other Catholic sacraments.

#7 Sally

I was born and raised in a practicing Antiochian Orthodox family. I attended mass weekly and going to church was a familiar part of my childhood. I had relatives that were Roman Catholic and so attending mass in a Catholic church was also a familiar practice. When I met my husband in 2005 he was a practicing Catholic and so there was no second thought about joining him for mass at a Catholic church.

During the years we were dating we would go to mass weekly at Our lady of Lourdes at Earlwood. Not only was I comfortable with this but my family also never encouraged me otherwise and I recognise this now as one of my first blessings on this journey. I did not have stumbling blocks!

During this time that we were dating I participated in WYD 2008 with my husband, his siblings and friends. At World Youth Day 2008 I experienced one of the first most profound moments in my life. This was at confession, and now that I think about it I'm not really sure if I should have participated because I didn't actually know what I was doing! During this confession I had a profound, emotional and deep spiritual experience that I will never forget. It was during this time that I was also introduced to Mother Theresa which opened up a curiosity into the world of Catholic saints and Catholic related topics. This experience followed by a series of blessings from the holy spirit both before and after I was married set me on a spiritual path to where I am today.

Once we were married and started a small family, the religious part of our life came to the forefront and became more and more important and as I was attending mass I would find myself partaking even deeper than I had before in the liturgy and understanding other aspects of our faith.

Up until this time I feel like I had a foot in each door of the churches and I was very comfortable with this. I didn't feel out of place at either of the churches. I was connecting with God in both churches to some small degree that I see now. After these experiences which I count among the most important blessings in my life - on the Catholic side of things something completed me. Through these blessings by the holy spirit and meeting some wonderful people, my whole life has been blessed and changed. Through the work of God's hands on earth I have been gently guided to the full knowledge of what being a Catholic means. I had never really felt that I had consciously closed the door on my Orthodox roots, however I had quietly grown to love the Catholic faith and I felt a fullness there that kept growing. Somehow, though the Catholic Church doors kept opening for me to grow in my faith. As I look back on everything now, I see that it may not all have been unplanned! Without even noticing, I no longer had one foot in each door but rather was unconsciously standing both feet in one. The Catholic Church.

Now standing with both feet inside the Catholic church, I can ask myself why it is that I feel in my heart this is where I should be? My spiritual journey in the Antiochian Orthodox Church was wholesome and real and other than perhaps the obvious differences in liturgical traditions I was never aware of any difference at all between Orthodoxy and Catholicism. We shared the same sacraments and for me that seemed enough. As I looked into the catholic faith in more detail, I recognised that there are other differences and disputes among the similarities. And so, through prayer, the fortune of having faithful and loving people around me and by God's grace I have come to know and believe that the Catholic Church holds the fullness of the faith that Christ intended when establishing his Church on earth and I am here because of the work of the Holy Spirit through that fullness.

For the last few years, I have felt like I am Catholic. This year at Easter I will formally and publicly profess my faith as a Catholic. I will be fully part of the Catholic Church which I have grown to love and which I know loves me.

In total 7 candidates participated in RCIA 2022. Welcome to our new Catholics!

Easter Vigil

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, ‘Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?’ And they remembered his words. When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

Easter Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Easter Sunday

Gospel

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’ So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Words of Pope Francis:

...The peace Jesus gives to us at Easter is not the peace that follows the strategies of the world, which believes it can obtain it through force, by conquest and with various forms of imposition. This peace, in reality, is only an interval between wars: We are well aware of this. The peace of the Lord follows the way of meekness and the cross: It is taking responsibility for others.

Jesus' peace does not overpower others; it is not an armed peace, never! The weapons of the Gospel are prayer, tenderness, forgiveness and freely-given love for one's neighbor, love for every neighbor. This is how God's peace is brought into the world... Yes, because while worldly power leaves only destruction and death in its wake—we have seen this in recent days—his peace builds up history, starting from the heart of every person who welcomes us. Easter is therefore the true feast of God and humanity, because the peace that Christ gained on the cross in giving himself is distributed to us. Therefore, the Risen Christ, on Easter Day, appears to the disciples, and how does he greet them? “Peace be with you!” (Jn 20:19-21). This is the greeting of Christ victorious, the Risen Christ.