



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

Nativity Of St John The Baptist 24 June 2018

In last week's bulletin I made a rather bold claim that we lived in an age of dysfunctional conscience and that people could be disingenuous, even positively lying, without even realising that they were doing so. But how could this be even possible?! It is timely that we are celebrating the birth of John the Baptist, having also celebrated the feast of Sts John Fisher and Thomas More less than 48 hours ago. Of course, the common thread here is that they were all beheaded for telling the truth and refusing to act against their conscience. By contrast, the infamous Herod and Henry VIII appear to have been blinded by power and lust, to the point of justifying murders of innocents. But their conscience could not have fallen into such dysfunction overnight; it had to have been a product of continual dimming of their conscience. Each time we lie or act dishonestly our vision narrows; we block out a number of obvious contradictions in order to justify our action. When this is repeated often enough, we no longer notice it next time similar lies are uttered or dishonest actions performed. Dysfunctional conscience has become a chronic condition.

I once mentioned the brilliant psychologist and author Professor Jordan B. Peterson. In his book, *12 rules for life: an antidote to chaos*, there is a chapter titled 'Tell the truth - or, at least, don't lie.' He writes: 'You can use words to manipulate the world into delivering what you want. This is what it means to "act politically." This is spin...It's what everyone does when they want something, and decide to falsify themselves to please and flatter. It's scheming and sloganeering and propaganda.' Later in the chapter he tells an Egyptian myth which we might find relevant (even liturgically so!). There are two gods: one (Osiris) turns a blind eye to looming danger and the other (Set) takes advantage of the situation and decimates him. Then there is a younger god (Horus, the son of Osiris) who learns from his father's mistake and decides to pay attention. He succeeds in avenging his father's misfortune but ends up with one of his eyes plucked out during the battle. He manages to regain that eye but then sacrifices it in order to restore his father's vision. Well, what can we make of this in our context? When fathers cannot 'see' - in the most profound sense of the word - they go awry and their hearts drift from what ought to be the object of their utmost concern, namely, children. John the Baptist was a man with eyes wide open - the greatest prophet whose mission it was to restore Israel's vision so as to bring children to Jesus as the Lamb of God; hence it was written of him: 'With the spirit and power of Elijah, he will go before him to turn the hearts of fathers towards their children and the disobedient back to the wisdom that the virtuous have, preparing for the Lord a people fit for him.' (Luke 1:17)

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 24 Jun Nativity of St John the Baptist	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass First Holy Communion
Mon 25 Jun		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 26 Jun	8:30am 9:15am 10:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Reconciliation Year 5
Wed 27 Jun St Cyril of Alexandria	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 28 Jun St Irenaeus	9.15am	Mass
Fri 29 Jun Sts Peter & Paul	8:30am 9:15am 11:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Funeral Mass Patricia Gates
Sat 30 Jun	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 1 Jul 13th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday, 8th July at **St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**, at 10.30 am.

All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, Marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, or 65th wedding anniversaries will receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher. Special recognition will also be given to couples who were married at the Cathedral.

Youth Group
Next gathering will be
on
Saturday 11 August
2018.

Please pray for...

Recently deceased
Patricia Gates RIP

In Loving Memory

Bernie Crawford, Donato Tozzo, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Irene Hall, Mary Dovile, Catherine Lin Siew Ngiik, Ita Phillips, Gail Moore, Cono Reale, James & Eileen Donlan, Dikran, Angela, Boudi, Nicola Repole, Angela Maria Pinto, Mary Croke, Pat Smith, Gertrude Smith, Margaret Roche, Mollie Lazzarini, Assia & Damia Dagher, Antonio Mattiussi, Iris Smith, Theresa Sui Tiong, Ugo Buracchi, Steven Mortimer, Judith Partlin, Kate & Vicko Hrdalo, Joe Poolice, Mara & Ivan Puljic, Margherita Falsone, Matt Taglini, Josephine Agius, Lambert Glaudemans & Vicky Brown, Alfia Coco, Jimmy Simmons, Florence Mitchell, Nicola Kohen, John Souter, Gary Collins, Anna Motisi, Anna Puglia, Marie Therese Rierchy, John Trisley, Jim Campisi, Frederika Streiff & Buyung Elias, Christina Salim, Alexander Arifin, Agnes Arifin, Pauline Elias, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Anna Maria Cicuto, Carmelo Algozzino, Joe Costa, Onofrio Tesoriero, Fintan Lawlor, Sam Xerri, Francis Son H Tran, Antonino Puglia, Adel Hakim, Giovanni Battiato, Alfia Laspina Giuseppa Leotta, Rosa Ferlito, Frank Meaney Snr., Frank Meaney Jnr, Lina Paolercio, Margaret Wilkie, Maria Dos Santos, Tereza Dos Santos, Manuel Vieira, Gloria Vieira, Bernard John Mortimer, Dan Hall, Maria Mandich, Anthony Nguyen, Norm Farrell, Joyce Hansen, Rosario Bombaci, Bartolo Tesoriero, Stephen Xuereb, Marc David Sollazzo, Edmund Banfield, Anna & Joseph Pham, Peter Repole, Pat Simpson, Elaine Brooksby, Mary Meaney, Connie Fedele, Darren Seymour, Mark Phillips, Frances Spinella, Chris Franchella, Neville Gittany, Theresa Nguyen, Terzino Ventresca, Sandra Cesarano, Jason Connolly, Paul & Vienna-Marie Agius, Gabriella Pittino, Thomas Tran, Edward Cantwell, Carl John Sollazzo, Joseph Owens, Thomas Mendes, Salvatore Licari,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:
Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti, Anne Thompson, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic

Please note the following Saturdays for
Youth Group gatherings.

11 August	27 October
25 August	10 November
08 September	24 November
22 September	8 December

Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass
Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Rosary Statue

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Last Weekend 17 June 2018

2nd Collection	\$1,823.20
1st Collection	\$981.25

World Youth Day Panama 2019 Subsidise on Offer

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the WYD 2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

How does the subsidy work?

Pilgrims wishing to accept the offer of a subsidy need to pre-register by depositing a minimum, non-refundable deposit of \$1,000. The deposit will confirm your place on the pilgrimage. The Archdiocese of Sydney will then add \$1,000 to your account.

The indicative cost of the pilgrimage, provided by, is \$8,686. For pilgrims considering the optional Mexico extension, the indicative total cost is \$9,786. Note that, should the pilgrimage not go ahead as planned, all deposits shall be returned in full.

How do I make a deposit?

Step 1: Reference your deposit using: WYD19 + FULL NAME (Ex.WYD19PETERHARRISON)

Step 2: Select and pay your deposit amount to:
BANK ACCOUNT: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
BSB: 062 000
ACCOUNT: 10289801

Step 3: Email abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org the details of the transaction.

Step 4: Wait for an email confirming your deposit. Once registration officially opens, your deposit and subsidy will be transferred into your COSMOS account.

We are all excited to journey with you and enjoy this experience of a lifetime.

For more information, you can contact me on abel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

2018 Holy Father's Appeal

The Holy Father's Appeal will take place next weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes of Pope Francis and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, the refugee crisis and poverty, to name a few. It's an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we ask you to give what you can.

To give, please use the appeal envelopes provided or phone the Fundraising Office on during office hours on 1800 753 959. Thank you.

Calvary Remembrance Service July 7 at 2 pm

An invitation is extended to all those who have suffered bereavement, especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary Hospital. Attendees are invited to bring along a photograph of their loved one. Light refreshments follow each service. For more information: Pastoral Care Team 9553 3111.

Challenge Yourself and Create HOPE

Sunday 12th August 2018

"Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths."

Pope Francis, World Youth Day Vigil with Young People, 30 July 2016

Join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team to **raise funds for CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program in this year's City2Surf. We're aiming to raise \$75,000 to help vulnerable young mothers and their babies. Challenge yourself and run for HOPE!**

Register online at <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/city2surf> and join the Sydney Catholic Youth Team today! For further information please contact Ashleigh Green on 0419 954 839 or at community@catholiccare.org.au

Pew Kneelers—Return to down position please
At the conclusion of each Mass, for safety reasons, please ensure that all pew kneelers are left in the down position.

Retreat Day
conducted by Father Hugh Thomas (Redemptorist Priest) will be giving a talk on Pope Francis' latest Apostolic Exhortation 'Gaudete et Exsultate', the theme of which is: "The call to holiness in the world today"

Date: Saturday 23rd June
Start: 8.45am, Mass: 9am, Finish: 3pm.

Location: Saint Raphael's Parish Hall,
84 George Street, South Hurstville.

Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks will be supplied on the day.

Please bring along something to share for morning tea and a sandwich for lunch.

(For further info contact
Gary and Ronie Cartmer 0418 781 777)

Please bring along a friend. God bless

The Living Word

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist – Mass during the day

24 June 2018

First Reading Is 49:1-6

Behold I will make you a light to the nations.

Islands, listen to me,
pay attention, remotest peoples.
The Lord called me before I was born,
from my mother's womb he pronounced
my name.
He made my mouth a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.
He made me into a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in his quiver.
He said to me, "You are my servant Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified";
while I was thinking, "I have toiled in vain,
I have exhausted myself for nothing";
and all the while my cause was with the
Lord,
my reward with my God.
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his
servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring
back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth.'it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138:1-3. 13-15. R. v.14

(R.) I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

1. O Lord, you search me and you know
me,
you know my resting and my rising,
you discern my purpose from afar.
You mark when I walk or lie down,
all my ways lie open to you. (R.)
2. For it was you who created my being,
knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
for the wonders of all your creation. (R.)
3. Already you knew my soul,
my body held no secret from you
when I was being fashioned in secret
and moulded in the depths of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 13:22-26

Christ's coming was announced beforehand by the preaching of John.

Paul said: 'God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, "I have elected David son of Jesse, a

man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 1:76

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You, child, will be called the prophet
of the Most High;*

*you will go before the Lord to prepare
his ways.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:57-66, 80

John is his name.

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Like the feast of the nativity of Jesus, this feast falls on one of the solstices, a hinge point in the cosmos. Some of the patristic writings tell us that the birth of Jesus was placed in the calendar when, in the northern hemisphere, the days began to lengthen. So this day was chosen to celebrate the birth of John precisely because the days were getting shorter. 'He must increase while I must decrease' (John 3:30). This is the time of seasonal change, of cosmic reversal. The entire universe has been alerted. Something new is about to happen.

John the Baptist is the hinge between the old age and the new eschatological age of fulfilment. John himself was never a disciple of Jesus; he did not enter the age that he heralded. He was the trumpet that sounded the coming of the king; he was the rooster that announced the dawning of the new day. He brought the people to the threshold of the new age, but he himself never stepped over into it. The idiosyncratic character of his life caught the attention of the crowds, but he did not keep this attention upon himself. Instead, he used it to point to Jesus, who appears to have been so commonplace that he might have been overlooked had not John cried out. It was John's prophetic destiny to be the sharp-edged sword, the polished arrow. He was the voice that cried in the wilderness: Hear me! Listen! Behold, he is coming!

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