



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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10 February 2019

Why is it that, all of a sudden, there are voices saying that religious freedom is under attack in Australia? Isn't the only thing stopping people from coming to church the intolerable heat? Or *too much* freedom maybe, but certainly not any lack thereof! And yet it is true in a strange kind of way that religious freedom has come to be under attack - or at least that would be one way of putting it.

It has been a long time coming, from way before I was born, when a false idea became an ideology - a flawed way of thinking that started to inform the dominant culture: Does objective morality really exist? Isn't it all just a human construct? If so, then, why cannot we reinvent what is right/wrong? And so came, for example, *Roe versus Wade* in 1973 which legalised abortion in the US. But no matter how hard the activists worked to normalise abortion, our inherent sense about its wrongness could never be completely eradicated; hence why pro-life sentiments and convictions are making a comeback, even if slowly and quietly, without the tricks of propaganda.

The latest is the legalisation of same sex marriage which is not as much about 'marriage' as it is about 'normalising gay lifestyle' - looking forward to the day when it will seem as natural as any other. Now, love and tolerance is one thing - something which the Catholic Church tried to espouse by supporting the decriminalisation of homosexual activity. But can our inherent sense of morality in relation to these matters ever be, as it were, completely 're-programmed'? Well, the activists would like to give it a try, which is why they are calling for an amendment to the current law, such that, for example, Catholic schools will not be able to teach Christian sexual ethics, for fear that those who disagree would claim to have been discriminated against, which would become an "offence" punishable by law.

Halfway through my holiday in January I returned to the parish for a few days in order to join a group of religious representatives who were paying a visit to the local MP. At the initiative of a Protestant pastor, we were expressing our concerns about religious freedom which seemed to be under threat. It was hard to tell what we had achieved, if anything at all, on that day. My guess is that what has to collapse is not just one particular expression of it but the whole ideology itself - the false idea that we can pretend to be our own whimsical lawgiver without expecting deeply troubling consequences.

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 10 Feb 5th Sunday in OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 11 Feb Our Lady of Lourdes	No Mass
Tues 12 Feb in OT	9.15am Mass
Wed 13 Feb in OT	7.00am Mass 9.15am Whole School Mass
Thurs 14 Feb St Cyril of Methodius	9.15am Mass
Fri 15 Feb	8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Sat 16 Feb BVM	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 17 Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Sr Dorothea Meney, Shane William Beaumont, Francisco Marino.

In Loving Memory

Henry Walter Bullock, Christopher Pezzuti, Tony Tesoriero, Gino Morassut, Alpino Brama, Norm Bramble, Gianni Andreutti, Margaret Carrager, Joe Costa, Bob Pettit, Donato Tozzi, Sam Xerri, Rosario Bombaci.

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Geraldina Civitarese, Pat Mortimer, Greg Weekes, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Peter Campbell, Greg Daniels, Elena Mura, Carmen Aquilina, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Mary Emery, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Mary Sortwell, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti,

Parish Secretary

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Shane Beaumont (R.I.P.)

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the family, friends and parishioners for the prayers offered up for Shane both prior to and following his passing into God's care on 15 January 2019.

To Father Peter Kwak we offer our sincere appreciation for the beautiful Requiem Mass. Our thanks also extend to our Acolyte Peter Crawford for his participation.

It was a service that will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

God bless you all.

- The Beaumont, Moore and Associated Families -

First Reconciliation Program 2019

First Reconciliation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Thursday 4 April 2019 during two sessions, 5.30pm-6.30pm or 7.30pm-8.30pm. Parents of baptised Catholic children in Year Three or above are invited to enrol their child in the Parish based First Reconciliation Program. The Information and Enrolment letter has been sent home through the parish school and is also available from the parish office and parish website.

Youth Group dates for Term 1 2019

16 Feb

2 March

16 March

30 March

@ the Parish Hall

after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Rosary Statue

Mrs M. Pettit
2 Ponyara Road

Ph: 9502 3036



Last Weekend
3 February 2019

2nd Collection \$2287.20

1st Collection \$1435.35

Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	?
10AM	359
Total	?

CHARITY

Charity now means simply what used to be called “alms” – that is, giving to the poor. Originally it had a much wider meaning. (You can see how it got the modern sense. If a man has “charity”, giving to the poor is one of the most obvious things he does, and so people came to talk as if that were the whole of charity.) Charity means “Love, in the Christian sense.” But love, in the Christian sense, does not mean an emotion. Christian Love (or Charity) for our neighbours is quite a different thing from liking or affection. We “like” or are “fond of” some people, and not of others. It is important to understand that this natural “liking” is neither a sin nor a virtue. It is just a fact. But, of course, what we do about it is either sinful or virtuous. It would be quite wrong to think that the way to become charitable is to sit trying to manufacture affectionate feelings. The rule for all of us is perfectly simple. Do not waste time bothering whether you “love” your neighbour; act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. Whenever we do a good turn to another self, just because it is a self, made (like us) by God, and desiring its own happiness as we desire ours, we shall have learned to love it a little more or, at least, to dislike it less. The difference between a Christian and a worldly man is not that the worldly man has only affections or “likings” and the Christian has only “Charity”. The worldly man treats certain people kindly because he “likes” them: the Christian, trying to treat everyone kindly, finds himself liking more and more people as he goes on – including people he could not even have imagined himself liking at the beginning.

Excerpt from “*Mere Christianity*” by C.S. Lewis (first published 1952)

OLF Kingsgrove Parish: The parishioners of St. Joseph’s Riverwood are struggling with a termite infested roof which is literally falling apart on them. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are asking your help. **At all the Masses on Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th of February @ OLF Kingsgrove** the PPC will be having a BBQ to raise money to help St. Joseph’s Parish Riverwood to fix the Church roof. Volunteers to help run the BBQ @ the different masses are most welcome. CONTACT: Parish Office: 9150 9665 or Sue (Youth Co-ordinator): 0431 768 947

Dear Fr Peter

Re: Donation

Thank you so much to your Parish and Parish Community for your most generous donation of \$10,000 towards the Emergency Roof Replacement Appeal.

It is very much appreciated.

Yours in Christ

Rev John Doherty

A Remembrance Service will be held in the Calvary Hospital Chapel, Kogarah

An invitation is extended to all who have suffered grief or bereavement and especially those whose loved ones have died at Calvary.

**Saturday 16 February 2019
Service Commences at 2.00pm
Followed by a light refreshments**

Religious Freedom – what does it all mean and how will it affect my family?

How will the new proposed bill effect your children and grandchildren? What impact will it have on educating our children in Catholic schools? What can you do to protect your religious freedom?

Listen to Monica Doumit speak about where this is heading & what we can do about it.

Date: Sunday 17 February 2019

Time: 4-5pm

Where: All Hallows’ Catholic Church, 2 Halley Street, Five Dock

Child minding by Children’s Liturgy members will be available.

As Catholics we have a responsibility to act now and protect our religious freedom. Don’t miss this important event.

First Reading Is 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

*(R.) In the sight of the angels I will
sing your praises, Lord.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11
or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)**

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.'

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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