



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

Trinity Sunday

16 June 2019

Why does it matter whether God is triune or not?

It is tempting to think that life would be simpler and better if we did away with the notion of 'three divine persons' and stuck just to the 'oneness' of God. Many have tried doing this, but sooner or later found that they were no longer really Christians.

The Trinity matters as much as Jesus matters. Either Jesus was just a man, or he was, is and always will be a constitutive member of the Trinity whom, therefore, it is perfectly appropriate for us to call *God*.

Most of the thirty three years of Jesus' earthly life was spent in obscurity - little noticed ordinariness. Only three years were given to public ministry. Of those three years it took just three days for him to do the most important work of all, namely, suffering, dying and rising from the dead.

Why does it matter that God suffered, died and rose from the dead?

2019 has been an unusually quiet year for me as a priest when it comes to the ministry of 'burying the dead' - something about which I have been secretly a little too happy. All that changed in the past few weeks:

The first was a mother of three teenagers, well known to families whose children went to the parish school in the last ten years. Then was another lady, about fifteen years older than the first, one of the most devout persons I have ever known. Then was a gentleman in his mid 80s who always had a smile for me at the back of the church as I processed in at the 8:30am Mass; it was only toward the end that I learned what a remarkable (and invincible) sense of humour dwelt behind those twinkly eyes. Finally, another gentlemen in his early 60s passed away, in a manner so sudden that the fact of his departure is quite surreal to me - it was only last Sunday that he earnestly spoke to me after Mass for as long as time permitted, given the fact that a few others were waiting. Currently, there is another lady who has been noticeably deteriorating and seems ready to go at any moment.

How could I have been so foolish as to imagine that death was an aspect of life I could keep at bay with the help of some sort of luck? To profess our belief in the Trinity is to say that God fully participated in the human experience of dying; in Jesus, God truly *died* and *rose* from the dead. Therefore when we stare at the abyss of death, we no longer see endless darkness in which no hope can be found; instead, we are consoled by the knowledge that not even death can separate us from the love of God; in fact, it may be said that, for Christians, death is the final leap of faith into a more perfect way of journeying - with complete trust and no longer by sight.

- Fr Peter -

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The Week Ahead

Sun 16 Jun Most Holy Trinity	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 17 Jun	10.00am Funeral Mass for Neil Kirkness
Tues 18 Jun	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Yr 3 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 5
Wed 19 Jun	7.00am Mass
Thurs 20 Jun	9:15am Mass
Fri 21 Jun	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass
Sat 22 Jun Wedding	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 23 Jun Corpus Christi	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass followed by morning tea

Men's Ministry Breakfast

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is holding its second Men's Ministry breakfast at St John the Baptist Parish Bonnyrigg. We will be exploring the theme of "Faith under Fire" which will be led by the Head of New Evangelisation with Sydney Catholic Schools, Robert Haddad. It's going to be a great morning of brotherhood and spiritual growth for all who attend. All men are invited.

Location – St John the Baptist Parish,
45 Mount Street, Bonnyrigg
Time – Saturday 29th of June, 8am

Walk with Christ

In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi next Sunday, we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics.

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm. Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city. Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Fouad Attia, Neil Kirkness, Jeanette Cardoz, Kerry El-hourani

In Loving Memory

Santo Ilardo, Donato Tozzi, Kevin Weeks, Margaret Staines, Hafiza Dagher, Assia Lahoud, Manuel & Gloria Vierira, Terzino Ventresca, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Sollazzo, Irene Hall,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Carmen Aquilina, Ron Daniels, Genevieve Shedden, 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, Anne Maree Michels, Slavica Markotic.

Youth Group dates for Term 2 2019

Next Saturday 22 June

@ the Parish Hall

after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Life Ascending Meeting times are:

Third Thursday at 7:30pm

Second and fourth Fridays after the 9.15Mass.

Rosary Statue

Mrs F Jones
5 Weston Avenue

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Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret Doherty-Brady
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Mr Peter Busch

REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 9 June 2019

2nd Collection \$1554.90

1st Collection	\$993.35
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Attendance

5PM	?
8.30AM	126
10AM	?
Total	?

Thank you & Happy Retirement!

Margaret, Maureen and Nell have given more than 75 combined years of service to the parish as members of the Altar Society. Words cannot do justice to the generosity with which they have cleaned and beautified the sanctuary in our church for all those years. We have been so fortunate to have such devoted ladies looking after our modestly magnificent sanctuary. They are now officially retired (and have handed in their 'keys') and their group - one of the four groups in the Altar Society - has been replaced by a team of two mums and their two teenage daughters whom I hope to introduce to you at another appropriate time. Please join me in thanking and praying for Margaret, Maureen and Nell.

- Fr Peter -



A Gathering for Men

An opportunity for men to gather in a safe space to connect with other men and share their experience of grief and bereavement.

Where: St Mary's Presbytery, 21 Swanson Street, Erskineville

When: Tuesday 18th June, 7 - 8.30pm

For enquiries and RSVP, contact Paul on 0425 282 938 or email

pault@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Fr Epeli Qimaqima (Vocations Director), welcome!

Fr Epeli Qimaqima began his role as Vocations Director on 1 June 2015. He is originally from Fiji and is the eldest of four children. He migrated to Australia to work as a primary school teacher in 2002. During his teaching years in Sydney, his sense of the call to the priesthood took on a new phase; this was through his involvement with the families from the school, the Fijian community, the faith of the students, and the joy of the priests who worked at the school. He entered the seminary in 2006 and was ordained a priest on 4 August 2012 in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, with seven others.



Contact Fr Epeli on 02 9307 8421 or epeli.qimaqima@sydney

Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Outreaching to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Inquiries: 9307 8300 or email: admin@sydneytribunal.org.au

POSITION VACANT—Alpha Coordinator Our Lady of Fatima, Peakhurst

One day per week—hours/day negotiable

More info on catholicjobsonline.com.au

or send an email to olfpeak@bigpond.com

Applications close 21 June 2019.



Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have joined our CatholicCare team in Fairfield, Liverpool, Bankstown, Lewisham and Sydney CBD. They offer services in family law, post-separation, parenting, domestic and family violence.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more

First Reading Prv 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose
first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came
into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the
countryside,

or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was
there,

when he drew a ring on the surface of
the deep,

when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the
deep,

when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the
shore –

when he laid down the foundations of
the earth,

I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

**(R.) O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name
in all the earth!**

1. When I see the heavens, the work of
your hands,
the moon and the stars which you
arranged,
what is man that you should keep him
in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)
2. Yet you have made him little less than a
god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your
hand,
put all things under his feet. (R.)

3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-5

*To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through
the Spirit.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we
are judged righteous and at peace with
God, since it is by faith and through Jesus
that we have entered this state of grace in
which we can boast about looking forward to
God's glory. But that is not all we can boast
about; we can boast about our sufferings.
These sufferings bring patience, as we
know, and patience brings perseverance,
and perseverance brings hope, and this
hope is not deceptive, because the love of
God has been poured into our hearts by the
Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation See Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glorify to the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit:**

**to God who is, who was, and who is
to come.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 16:12-15

*Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive
what I give and tell you about it.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from
himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm
response celebrate the marvels of
creation and the marvelous creator
who brought them into being.
Proverbs states that God created all
of these things through Wisdom.
While later theology will identify
Wisdom with both the Word of God,
the second person of the Trinity, and
the Holy Spirit, the third person, the
reading itself does not suggest this.

Paul credits God with our justification
through faith. Justification or
salvation is accomplished by God
through our Lord Jesus Christ. The
love of God is poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not
clearly state that the love of God that
we receive through the Holy Spirit
sanctifies us, but one could certainly
understand it in this way.

John's theology resembles very
closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus
reveals the intimate connection
between himself and the Father as
well as himself and the Spirit. The
Spirit continues the mission of Jesus,
neither adding anything to his
teaching nor omitting anything from it.

While this is a feast that glorifies the
central mystery of our faith, a mystery
that is based on the way the three
divine persons relate to each other,
the readings all address ways that
God relates to us. If we concentrate,
as the texts for today suggest that we
do, on all of the ways that our Triune
God has blessed us, we may be more
inclined to cry out with the psalmist:
'O Lord, our God, how wonderful your
name in all the earth!'

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