



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



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 July 2018

'Demoralisation' could have been the prevailing mood, at a time such as ours when the edifice of the Catholic Church in Australia seems to be at the risk of crumbling any minute. But it was not. Many of the priests at the clergy conference appeared to be surprisingly content, relaxed and more than usually fraternal. A priest who was over 90 years old was heard to say that this was the best clergy conference he had ever attended. I think that the Holy Spirit was to blame for this delightful "aberration", as well as the prayers of many faithful.

As mentioned last week, the theme of the conference was *Icons of Christ – Developing personally and professionally as leaders of local faith communities in the new evangelisation*. Bishop Charles Drennan from Palmerston North, New Zealand, was the keynote speaker who was replete with great one-liners such as *Don't colonise/ domesticate the sacraments, Sameness is never an option for the living, Goal of growth rather than burdening hope keeps it alive!* Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley spoke on *The Challenge of fostering authentic humanity in both public ministry and personal life*. Simply put, the man himself was the message. I felt blessed to be in his presence, listening to him speak with such wondrous sensitivity toward the dignity of each human person. He quoted St Pope John Paul II who said, 'The Church is in the world as a living presence of the love of God reaching down to every human weakness in order to gather them into his loving embrace.' Fr Paul Chandler - Spiritual Director from Holy Spirit Seminary, Brisbane - spoke on the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience. He noted that we need to be *freed from* materialism, consumerism, egocentrism, individualism and exploitative self-serving relationships, in order to be *freed for* God's reshaping of us. I liked his expression that we are 'not to make of anyone a satellite orbiting our planet.' Dr Maeve Heaney started her talk on preaching with a brilliant quote: 'Watching a preacher step into the pulpit is like watching a tightrope walker climb unto the platform as the drum roll begins... If they reach the other side without falling, it is skill but it is also grace – a benevolent God's decision to let these daredevils tread the high places where ordinary mortals have the good sense not to go.' (Barbara Brown Taylor, *The Preaching Life*) She aptly described preaching as the art of 'naming grace' - God's grace is always at work, waiting to be named, for the benefit of a worshipping community.

It was as though something *happened* at the clergy conference - a special kind of grace. Archbishop Fisher reckoned that whatever *happened* was worth mulling over for quite a time to come. I do not think I was the only person who could almost believe that a bright future for the Catholic Church in Australia might be a real possibility. Almost!

- Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

Sun 22 Jul 16th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 23 Jul St Bridget, religious		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 24 Jul St Sharbel Makhluaf, priest	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Wed 25 Jul	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 26 Jul Sts Joachim and Anne	9.15am	Mass
Fri 27 Jul	8:30am 9:15a	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 28 Jul	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 29 Jul 17th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Donato Tozzi, Mark Phillips, Vito Maida, Carmelo Algozzino, Giovanni Battiato, Francesca Spinella, Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Bernie Crawford, Santo Ilardo, Francesco & Salvatore Cocilovo, Irene Hall, Mary Dovile, Catherine Lin Siew Ngik, 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, 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, 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 Ovens, Thomas Mendes

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

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**The next Youth Group Gathering
will be
Saturday 28 July**

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in our parish on Saturday 25 August. If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament, and haven't already enrolled them in our preparation program, please do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms are available at the parish office.

Welcomers Roster available for collection from the Sacristy or please contact Katja on 0481 230 322 to receive your copy.

Donation to Priest's Retirement Fund and to Charitable Works Fund Tax Receipts available for collection from the table at the back of the Church.



In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to "the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard." Your donation to Mary MacKillop on the

Weekend of 4-5 August

will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, here in Australia with education, health, finance and

livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please consider making a small monthly donation with our Regular Giving Program and help bring Mary MacKillop's charism to life.

marymackilloptoday.org.au

Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass

Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Rosary Statue

Mr & Mrs B Murray
4 Leon Avenue

Ph: 9750 0776



Last Weekend 15 July 2018

2nd Collection \$1,616.65

1st Collection \$1,112.85

The Bishop's Blend:

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on

Monday, 6th August 2018 at 7:00am

at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://thebishopsblendfifthedition.eventbrite.com> or contact us at bish-opsblend@sydneycatholic.org

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 abbel.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 abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

OBSTACLES TO PRAYER

The obstacles to prayer. Suppose for argument there are some people who never pray, or some who feel they pray very badly. Well, one obstacle is undoubtedly sloth; you are too fond of your bed in the morning to get up in time to pray, you are too lazy to get up and make time for God. Now, if you only think what prayer is, that this Almighty God is waiting to hear the voice of His child, I believe you will find it a privilege of which you must avail yourself. Therefore, do beware of sloth as regards prayer, sloth which hinders prayer. So with inattention. We want more concentration. When you come to church and pray, when you kneel down, it is everything to concentrate your mind. It has been very well said that, if you have only five minutes to pray, it is well worth spending one out of the five in remembering what you are going to do. We rush into prayer with our brains full of all kinds of other things. Hush yourself before you pray.

*From "The Call of The Father" by
Bishop Winnington Ingram (1907)*

Silent Retreat for Men

"Go out to all the world and tell the good news" (Mark 16:15)

~ How does a Diocesan Priest live this mission? Find out more by attending this upcoming retreat on

3 - 5 August 2018.

This is a silent retreat weekend for all men (18 – 35 yrs. old) considering a vocation to the Priesthood. This weekend will enable you to spend some time in prayerful silence with Daily Mass, Rosary, Prayer of the Church, Adoration and much more.

This silent retreat for men will be led by Fr. Epeli Qimaqima – Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Sydney. The cost of the retreat is \$75.

RSVP: Wed 1 August 2018

For online registration: <http://www.vocationcentre.org.au/events/silent-retreat-for-men-2018/>

Registration/Enquiries: vocationcentre@sydneycatholic.org | (02) 9307 8424
or Email vocations@sydneycatholic.org

First Reading Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff,
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

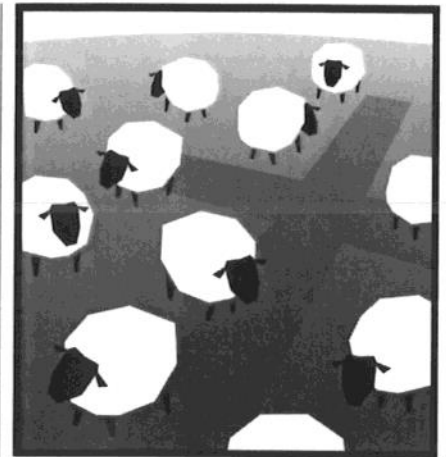
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.