



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

26 May 2019

[Warning: politics ahead!] There is no one single way to explain what happened; instead, there are innumerable ways to try to give reasons for the surprising, if not shocking, outcome of the federal election. I think this may be one of them:

Has the outcome of the federal election been, as it were, a point scored by the Right over the Left (or Conservatism over Liberalism/Progressivism)? Again, the answer, even if partially true, would in no way be sufficient by itself for explaining what happened. But I think it fair to say that the pendulum of our politics has swung right, at least to some degree, from where it used to be. I would certainly not try to claim, as some commentators seem to be, that conservative impulses had nothing to do with the peculiar outcome of the federal election. Why not? Signs, enough to be more than merely coincidental.

For me, more noticeable than a conservative pushback have been the concerted attacks to undermine it. Terms like 'far right' and 'hate speech' started to be thrown around rather carelessly, not just against the actual proponents of extreme right wing ideologies (a relatively small minority), but more generally against anyone who did not stand in full agreement with the Leftist Establishment. In the absence of a credible church, the Establishment - made up of those in positions of influence - would assert itself as the absolute authority on the new values of the "post-Christian" era, to which all had to adhere or else...

Why did anyone think that Labour aligned itself more closely with the Leftist Establishment than the Coalition did? (A pity because Labour actually had some good policies worth further developing) Because the Establishment itself told us, by propagating the narrative that it was inevitable for Labour to win and that the Coalition ought to have been ashamed for even remotely being associated with a party like One Nation. An unprecedentedly virulent campaign was run against One Nation to ensure that it would not see the light of day by the time the election was over - quite a convincing scenario at the time to the uncritical eye. So, it was quite *eye-opening* that One Nation's primary vote ended up increasing by a bigger margin than for any other party.

G.K. Chesterton famously wrote, 'The whole modern world has divided itself into Conservatives and Progressives. The business of Progressives is to go on making mistakes. The business of Conservatives is to prevent mistakes from being corrected.' In other words, both sides are prone to lose their way. Any rise to dominance by one over the other brings its own set of problems. Let's hope that we will grow collectively in our political astuteness by practising the virtues of truth and justice, starting from our own house, namely, the Church.

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 26 May 6th Sunday of Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 27 May St Augustine Canterbury	No Mass
Tues 28 May	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass
Wed 29 May	7.00am Mass
Thurs 30 May	9:15am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation Lesson
Fri 31 May Visitation of BVM	8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat Day
Sat 1 Jun St Justin mar- tyr	9.00am Mass 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass
Sun 2 Jun Ascension of the Lord	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

The St Vincent de Paul Society Men's Conference will be conducting our annual Winter Appeal over two weekends. This is the main appeal we conduct each year with the proceeds being used to assist those struggling in our Parish area especially families with young children.

This weekend 25/26th May our President Paul Morris will address Parishioners with envelopes handed out at the conclusion of each Mass.

We will be most grateful if you take an envelope & return preferably the following weekend or when convenient.

The following weekend 1/2 June our collection will take place. Please place your envelope in the special collection which will be announced by Father. Amounts over \$2 are tax deductible & a receipt will be issued if requested available early July.

We thank you for the support you have given us over many years.

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

In Loving Memory

Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & Assia Dagher, Manuel & Gloria Vierira, Terzino Ventresca, Antonia Falzon, Sam Xerri, Edward Cantwell, Ugo Buracchi, Joseph Ovens, Carl John Solazzo, Irene Hall,

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Ron Daniels, Genevieve Shedden, Neil Kirkness, 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

8 June

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 M Costa
15 Kooemba Road

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Parish Secretary

Mrs Margaret
Doherty-Brady
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Tues, Wed, 8.30-3.30
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11.30am - 3.30pm

School Principal

Mr Chris Egan
Asst. Principal
Mr Peter Busch
REC
Mrs Elizabeth Webster

Last Weekend 19 May 2019

2nd Collection \$2206.20

1st Collection \$1357.85

Attendance

5PM	237
8.30AM	148
10AM	272
Total	657

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Counselling available with no waitlist

Several highly qualified relationship counselling professionals have joined our Catholic-Care 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

The International Emmanuel Community Pentecost Retreat.

Sat/Sun 8/9 June 2019
9:00 am Sat to 4 pm Sun.
Contact Bernadette 0423 102 066
St Joseph's Conference Centre
30 Tyson Road, Bringelly 2556

Be Transformed by the Holy Spirit

Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to Adults by Bishop Terence Brady at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 9 June 2019 (Pentecost Sunday) at 10:30am. Those who may have missed out on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the past are welcome to contact Fr Peter at beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com to make arrangements to receive this Sacrament at St Mary's Cathedral.

Positions Vacant

Parish Secretary, St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie. Part-time position, approximately 4 days (30 hours) per week. Hours/days negotiable. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 27 May 2019.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Children

The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated in Regina Coeli Parish on Friday 7 June 2019 at 7.00pm.



Elizabeth Gooley—Sacramental Coordinator

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

67. The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse. Jesus himself tells us this in the parable of the rich fool: he speaks of a man who was sure of himself, yet foolish, for it did not dawn on him that he might die that very day (cf. *Lk* 12:16-21).

68. Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness.

69. This spiritual poverty is closely linked to what Saint Ignatius of Loyola calls "holy indifference", which brings us to a radiant interior freedom: "We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things, in all that is permitted to our free will and not forbidden; so that on our part, we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honour rather than dishonour, a long life rather than a short one, and so in all the rest". (*Spiritual Exercises*, 23d)

70. Luke does not speak of poverty "of spirit" but simply of those who are "poor" (cf. *Lk* 6:20). In this way, he too invites us to live a plain and austere life. He calls us to share in the life of those most in need, the life lived by the Apostles, and ultimately to configure ourselves to Jesus who, though rich, "made himself poor" (2 *Cor* 8:9).

Being poor of heart: that is holiness.
(*On Christian Holiness* by Pope Francis)

The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

26 May 2019

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!
or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory

of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my
words.

And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to
know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

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