



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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 July 2018

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. There seems to be no shortage today of 'those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.' There has been such a lack of righteousness in our society - especially public righteousness - that many cannot help but feel the pain of its absence. Not that we should not be grateful for what we have, for, we are still incredibly blessed. But we struggle to shake off the ominous feeling that we will be stormed with more waves of corruption before we begin to be soothed by the calm of righteousness. Hence the cry or outcry, from a people who feel deprived of righteousness, for a medicine with which to alleviate the pain of corruption-sickness. Unfortunately, too many people hope to find their medicine in the blood of others.

Archbishop Philip Wilson has been convicted of concealing child sexual abuse. It has been alleged that, about 42 years ago, a child victim confided in (then) Fr Wilson - a newly ordained priest - who subsequently failed to alert the authorities. The Archbishop has maintained that he does not recall such a conversation ever taking place. The court has found the person who made the allegation to be credible and hence the conviction. Now, it was quite a different world back then and we do not know exactly what happened. But if the allegation truly describes the essence of what really happened, then, yes, there was a great moral failure on the part of (then) Fr Wilson, especially given his role as a spiritual father. There would be more than sufficient reason for everyone to be grieved by the tragic omission which might have occurred 42 years ago.

Nevertheless, should Archbishop Wilson be 'criminalised' for it? Not all moral failures, including some of the most grave, are 'criminal' according to law, and sometimes there are valid reasons why. How many would be in jail soon if the "Wilson standards" were applied universally? To what extent was the conviction catering to the public's hunger and thirst for, in the absence of righteousness, blood as a substitute? It is a complex problem, to say the least. Again, here are some words from Pope Francis:

Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways...How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life? Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners...True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak.

- Fr Peter -



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The Week Ahead

Sun 8 Jul 14th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass
Mon 9 Jul		OFFICE CLOSED
Tues 10 Jul	8:30am 9.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Wed 11 Jul St Benedict	7.00am	Mass
Thurs 12 Jul	9.15am	Mass
Fri 13 Jul	8:30am 9:15a	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Sat 14 Jul	9:00am 4:25pm 5.00pm	Mass Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 15 Jul 15th Sun in Ordinary Time	8.30am 10.00am	Mass Mass

Please pray for...

Recently deceased

In Loving Memory

Donato Tozzi, Francesca Spinella, Norm Coleman, Georgia & Philip Spiteri, Bernie Crawford, 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 Claudemans & 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

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Statement on Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Fees

The Board of Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increases to a minimum. We anticipate that over the next three years, increases across the system will be on average three to four per cent, with lower increases in the areas of greatest need. The Archdiocesan Catholic Education Foundation provides significant fee assistance (bursaries) to eligible Catholic families who require fee relief...To enquire about enrolment at your local Catholic school, or to find out more about our bursary and fee assistance program, please contact the school Principal who will be pleased to talk to you about a Catholic school education for your child.

Dr Dan White

Executive Director: Sydney Catholic Schools



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 Today 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.
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Life Ascending Meetings

Second and fourth Friday after the 9.15 Mass

Third Thursday at 7.30 pm

Rosary Statue

Mr N Smith
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Last Weekend 1 July 2018

2nd Collection \$2,014.20

1st Collection \$1,154.55

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS

Smitty was hard-headed, to put it mildly. When a flood hit the area, he climbed to his roof. A rescue boat came by but Smitty called back to their offer of help: "No thanks. I have faith in The Lord. He will save me." The waves came higher and Smitty scrambled to the tip of his roof. Another boat came by to save him, but Smitty waved them off, professing his faith that The Lord would save him. When the waves began lapping his feet, he pulled himself to the top of the chimney. A helicopter swooped down to save him, but Smitty was still depending on The Lord. You can guess what happened: Smitty drowned. When he stood before The Lord he complained, "Lord, I had such faith in you. Why didn't you save me?" To which The Lord replied, "What more do you want from me? I sent you two boats and a helicopter." *SVD, A Thousand Stories You Can Use (Vol1), 1992*

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

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

The sixth session of our "Challenges" Forum will be held at St Bernadette's Parish, Carlton on **Thursday 19th July 7:30pm-9:30pm.**

The speaker will be **Phil Glendenning** who is the Director of the Christian Brothers' Edmund Rice Centre for Justice. He is a well known (and respected as a Member of the Order of Australia) advocate for refugees as well as a wide range of Justice Education issues.

His topic will be

"The Preferential Option for the Poor"

a topic often stressed by Pope Francis as integral to being a Catholic these days.

Please see parish notice boards for details.

Sea Sunday Appeal

Sea Sunday takes place today, 8 July 2018, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

If you like to know more about the Apostleship of the Sea, please visit our website: www.aos-australia.org

To donate to this vital work, please send cheques to: Apostleship of the Sea, Sea Sunday Appeal, GPO Box 368, Canberra ACT 2601 or transfer funds to: ACCOUNT NAME: Australian Catholic Bishops Conference; BSB: 062 784; ACCOUNT NUMBER: 29745200; REFERENCE: Sea Sunday Appeal.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special

boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

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