



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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Pentecost Sunday

9 June 2019

Death, what is it?

A mother of three teenagers whom I just met and anointed...The next time we meet her body is no longer animated by her soul; she is, as it were, 'there no more.' Bottomless grief gradually finding its expression in the husband and children whose crying turns to wailing, which is then echoed in the fellow mourners who are deeply moved with sympathy...How does the fact of such a quiet and subtle change in a person's state of being - from life to death - alter so drastically other people's entire world? How does one make sense of the utterly perplexing phenomenon which we call 'death?'

It occurred to me that she was only eight years older than me. Eight years is the length of time I have been a priest for. It feels like the last eight years as a priest have passed me by in the blink of an eye. Given the fact that, for much of that time, I felt as though I had little or no idea what I was doing, it was rather overwhelming to try to contemplate the possibility that the next eight years could be my last. If I were to be granted another eight years, what could I do differently this time so that those eight years might be considered my best, or at least better than the first eight?

Life, what is it?

Life was given to the Church when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles at Pentecost. But what kind of life was it? Not a long one, at least not in the conventional sense. Almost all of the apostles would go on to be martyred. Long and prosperous life was probably not synonymous with early Christianity by any stretch of the imagination. And yet the life of the Church defied the odds and continued to not only survive but also thrive amidst the spillage of the martyrs' blood. It was as though the more death loomed over and threatened Christians, the more life surged and showed itself to be uninterested in being bound by death.

True life is the one that death cannot quash, or even slow down, because it is the Holy Spirit who animates that life. Can there be a point in time when we long for the eternal bliss of the Holy Spirit more than we do for what comes and goes in the precarious state of our earthly existence? What will *life* look like then? What will the Church look like?

- Fr Peter -

The Week Ahead

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| Sun 9 Jun Pentecost Sunday | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |
| Mon 10 Jun | No Mass |
| Tues 11 Jun | 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass with Yr 3 10:00am Reconciliation Yr 5 |
| Wed 12 Jun | 7.00am Mass |
| Thurs 13 Jun | 9:15am Mass |
| Fri 14 Jun | 8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:15am Mass 7.00pm Confirmation Mass |
| Sat 15 Jun Wedding | 9.00am Mass 3:00pm Michelle & Andrew 4:25pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sun 16 Jun Most Holy Trinity | 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass |

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

Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night.

Tuesday 4th June 2019, 5:30pm - 8pm
CatholicCare 2C West Street (Cnr Thomas Street), Lewisham
Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to secure your place.

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Jeanette Cardoz, Kerry Elhourani,

In Loving Memory

Viet Dinh, Pio Gonano, Donato Tozzi, Damia & Asia 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

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

Mr & Mrs M Inacio
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Parish Secretary

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Mr Peter Busch
REC
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Last Weekend 2 June 2019

2nd Collection \$1571.40

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| 1st Collection | \$886.35 |
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Attendance

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| 5PM | 151 |
| 8.30AM | 130 |
| 10AM | 198 |
| Total | 479 |

What does the Church need at this historic moment?

Pope Francis:

I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.... And you have to start from the ground up.

The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you. And the ministers of the church must be ministers of mercy above all. The confessor, for example, is always in danger of being either too much of a rigorist or too lax. Neither is merciful, because neither of them really takes responsibility for the person. The rigorist washes his hands so that he leaves it to the commandment. The loose minister washes his hands by simply saying, 'This is not a sin' or something like that. In pastoral ministry we must accompany people, and we must heal their wounds.

How are we treating the people of God? I dream of a church that is a mother and shepherdess. The church's ministers must be merciful, take responsibility for the people and accompany them like the good Samaritan, who washes, cleans and raises up his neighbor. This is pure Gospel. God is greater than sin. The structural and organizational reforms are secondary—that is, they come afterward. The first reform must be the attitude. The ministers of the Gospel must be people who can warm the hearts of the people, who walk through the dark night with them, who know how to dialogue and to descend themselves into their people's night, into the darkness, but without getting lost. The people of God want pastors, not clergy acting like bureaucrats or government officials. The bishops, particularly, must be able to support the movements of God among their people with patience, so that no one is left behind. But they must also be able to accompany the flock that has a flair for finding new paths.

Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent. The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage.

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 Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

or

R. Alleluia.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R).
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R).
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R).

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

or Rom 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless

you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

or

Gospel Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.
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 that I have said to you.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

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