



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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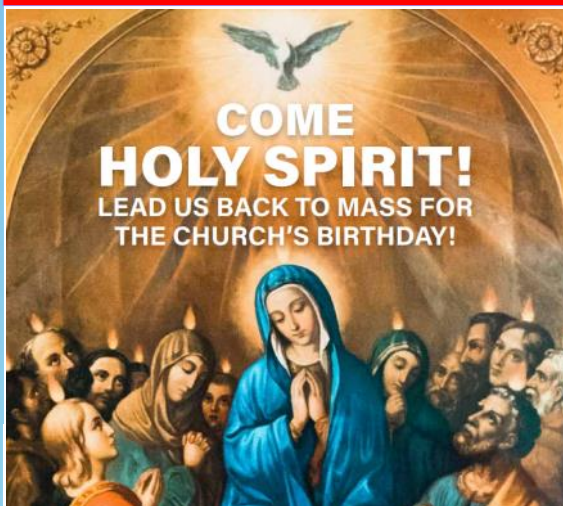
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The Holy Spirit is a force to be reckoned with. He inspires, impassions, impels. The first disciples were driven out of their safe space to take on the very powers that had killed their Lord and friend only fifty days before. Like the wildfire that had descended upon their heads, they spread the Gospel far and wide. They preached and welcomed people in their thousands.

As we hear in John's Gospel, when the Risen Christ returned to His disciples, He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them (Jn 20:22). Only by that Spirit's wisdom would the Liar be vanquished and people

be consecrated in the truth (Jn 16:13; 17:17). Only by that Spirit's power would sins be forgiven, and people be reconciled (Jn 20:23; Mt 16:19; 18:18). Only by that Spirit's breath would diverse people be united as one body in Christ (2Cor 12:3-13). Only then would the Church be born. - Archbishop Anthony Fisher -



Friday was the actual day of the 10 year anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, a fact of which I had forgotten about when I woke up that morning. My mind was pre-occupied with preparations for the funeral Mass of Peter Peters. So, to be honest, I hadn't even looked at the Gospel reading when I celebrated the parish Mass, at the start of which Elizabeth Gooley surprised me by announcing to the congregation that it was my tenth anniversary, thereby setting a more than usually solemn tone for the Mass. I couldn't believe my eyes when I stood at the lectern to proclaim the Gospel reading for the day: Jesus asked Peter three times, 'Do you love me,' before telling him, 'Look after my sheep.' Peter was pained to be asked not once but three times, so as to have to engage with the profound words of Jesus in the depth of his heart.

Something has to give. Nothing less than divine words, even painfully salutary divine words, might draw out a foolish and stubborn person to be set free by offering himself as a true servant of the Lord. Jesus proceeded to tell Peter that when he was young he walked where he liked; but when he grew old he would have to surrender himself and be taken where he would rather not go. The Gospel reading ended with Jesus saying to Peter, 'Follow me.' I had no homily prepared anyway but it seemed that this was one of those occasions where I would have struggled to say a word about the enormity of meaning contained in what had just happened. And so I came down from the lectern silently and happily. Shame on me but kudos to the Lord for his wisdom and sense of humour! Later that day I visited a nursing home and realised that, coincidentally, it was named after St Peter. It was well and truly a day of Peter!

Several questions have been put to me by parishioners in time for the not-very-important occasion of the tenth anniversary. These are the questions & answers:

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The Week Ahead

Sun 23 May Pentecost	8.30am 10.00am	No need to book for Mass
Mon 24 May Mary Help of Christians		No Mass
Tue 25 May	9.15am	Mass with Year 4
Wed 26 May Philip Neri	7am	Mass
Thu 27 April	9.15pm	Mass
Fri 28 May	9.15am	Mass
Sat 29 May	9.00am 9:25- 9:55am	Mass Adoration & Reconciliation
	4:15- 4:45pm 5pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
Sun 30 May Holy Trinity	8.30am	Mass
	10.00am	Mass

Recently Deceased

Peter Peters, Christopher McDowell, Frank Capra, Dawn Gates, Rosetta Tesoriero

In Loving Memory

Gino Tullio Ronda, Ugo Buracchi, Mary Crawford, Pietro Banno, Edward Cantwell

Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann Mc Dowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Josephina Algozzina, Pat Mortimer, Mrs Donald Burch, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Georgia Brown, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.



Peter Peters was born on November 20th 1933 several months premature. His fight for life started early and he was baptised by a Bishop on the dining room table...Dad was a non drinker. He loved a cup of tea. One his favourite sayings was 'A cup of tea revives.' Even better if you had a ginger nut biscuit to have with it.

Dad and Mum just had their 60th wedding anniversary. It is a tribute to their commitment to each other. They were married at St Patricks Church Kogarah in 1961 and set up house at Grove ave Narwee...As

a father dad was always patient and reserved. He was always quietly spoken and humble, and maintained a caring and sensitive watch over the family. He was always there when needed and was a great support for mum raising a large family. Dad was a great role model for all of us growing up. He was committed to mum and his family. He provided a safe and loving home with great stability. He had a heart of gold.

Dad was a quiet patient man with an amazing ability to improvise methods to mend, patch, recondition and renovate. He volunteered with mum at Mortdale St Vincent De Paul. Dad was Mr Fix It. His role was to repair broken items and bring toys back to life. He would also count the pieces in jigsaw puzzles and components in games...Along with mum, dad was an active parishioner here at Regina Coeli. When the family was younger we had a permanent booking for 7 in the front row. Dad and mum have maintained their faith, attended mass regularly and participated in the choir...The final stages of Peter's life were tough on him and the family. He just wanted to go home. We will all miss him and his eccentric ways but take solace in the knowledge that he led a full life and will be lovingly remembered. - Excerpts from the eulogy by the sons -



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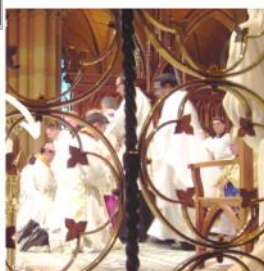
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1. What was life like for you growing up in South Korea?

The social environment was very competitive, as though status was everything and how well one did at school determined the trajectory of one's lifelong status. Children talked like adults and did not smile. My parents did a good job protecting us from the worst aspects of such an intense environment. This became the primary reason why they wished to emigrate to a more relaxed environment - for the wellbeing of the children.

2. Do you remember the moment it became clear to you that priesthood was your vocation?

I was in a church full of pilgrims in Medjugorje. At the end of Mass they started to pray the rosary - not just one mystery but all of them! There was no way of getting out without stepping over other people. I thought that, since I was stuck there, I might as well pray for a specific intention. So I asked that some progress be made in regard to my discernment (I had been discerning the priesthood for about a year by then). The answer was far less dramatic than I had expected: the Lord had shown me the door and, if I wanted to, I was welcome to enter it.

3. Can you tell us about a couple of people in your life who have had a great impact on you and why?

Mother: she gave me the strength I didn't know I had (when I needed it the most) which came from the quiet conviction that at least one person on earth loved me without a shadow of doubt. Also, my first and possibly the most important moment of conversion happened in the context of my relationship with mum. I had just turned 18 and, with miraculous help from above, had my first grace-filled aspiration to become a new man. This found its first concrete expression in how I changed and became a better son, to the surprise of both mum and myself.

Dr Robert Tilley: I was first taught by him toward the very end of my seminary formation. I felt I had learned more from doing one course with him than from many other courses put together. Subsequently, even after "graduation," I have gone back a number of times just to do more of his courses. He is a true believer and has the intellectual brilliance to present Catholic beliefs in the most fascinating of ways. He is also a fine human being, humble enough to make time for me as a friend. He has been by far the most influential professional formator. The last time I did a course with him was too long ago and it shows!

4. After 10 years of priesthood, what are the things you love about your job/vocation? Are they what you thought would be the best parts of being a priest?

After desperately wanting to know for a long time what I ought to pursue in life, a word eventually came to me: *meaning*. I was interested in discovering what made a human person truly happy and became convinced that 'meaning' had a lot to do with it. That was many years ago, before the possibility of becoming a priest even entered my mind.

I realise in retrospect that the priesthood has become for me the unexpected vocation which allows me to find meaning in what I do and what I am, sincerely and wholeheartedly. I am truly privileged to be able to look into people's lives at delicate moments and see so much beauty (in spite of complications)! The fact that I fail to appreciate sometimes how incredibly fortunate I am to be in this position is most likely a sign that my commitment to what is truly meaningful/beautiful needs to be renewed.

Speaking of how fortunate I am, it is hard to come to terms with the abundance of second chances I have been blessed with. My sense of unworthiness as a priest is both subjective and objective. Nevertheless, pastoral opportunities continue to be sent my way. I am given yet another chance to try to do a little bit better. I am still allowed to be a priest of Jesus Christ for another day. All this is a mystery beyond comprehension and fills me with utter gratitude.

5. Tell us some stories about how God has changed your life or how you have felt/know the holy spirit has worked through you?

I am embarrassed to admit that I have been a priest for 10 years, because of the never diminishing list of inadequacies. Nevertheless, I am still grateful for what the Lord has been able to do in me and through me. I have come to believe that it is possible for our wounded humanity to heal in surprising ways. Two patterns have stood out for me thus far: times of (noticeably painful) desolation have turned out to be very fruitful by way of allowing me to become purified; simple acts of obedience, far more than ambitious plans or great efforts, have opened the doors to transformation by the power of the Holy Spirit. [I apologise for not sharing any particular story but there are quite a few and they are long!]

6. What is your secret to great homilies?

N/A

FYI, I tend to think that homilies are roughly 30% natural ability and 70% inspiration.

7. Who is your favourite saint/person in the bible and why?

St Peter: the fact that he, in spite of all his quintessentially Peter-like flaws, was able to offer himself in the end as a humble and faithful vessel of God's grace gives me hope. As a young man, before I joined the seminary, I once came up with the following nickname for MSM Messenger (yes, a long time ago!): *Petro, fishing for miracles~*

I think the nickname was inspired by my conviction at the time that nothing less than a miracle could finally overcome the darkness within and answer to my longing for profound meaning.

Some people think that the decision to start the journey toward the priesthood must be one of the biggest in life. '10 years on,' it seems to me that that particular decision for me was very small compared to what is still to be made, namely, a daily decision to surrender myself to the will of the Lord and not hold back. I think that I might be beginning to believe, once again, that nothing less than a miracle will finally overcome the fear of surrender within and answer to the universally human longing to see the love of God incarnate. So, please pray for me!

- Fr Peter -

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.

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 Ad libitum for Year B

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,
whom I shall send to you from the Father,
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,
he will be my witness.
And you too will be witnesses,
because you have been with me from the
outset.

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.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own 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 excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.