



# Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



## Weekly Newsletter

**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**22 May 2022**

### 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



Who's won the election? All I know is that I am not holding my breath for any party. I would not be surprised to find a record number of disillusioned voters and protest votes. But who knows? The result of the election might actually be quite interesting! I have not been watching the news. Occasionally I turn on the radio while driving. A few days ago I was dismayed to hear a Labour ad which still attacked Scott Morrison for being with his family in Hawaii during the bushfires which occurred two and a half years ago! Talk about an emotive attack without substance, in the very week of election! Of course, no one knew in those days what incredible amounts of rain were waiting for us just around the corner. But the wrath of the mob which the PM felt at the time might have been so traumatic that he's been trying to please everyone ever since. Sadly, as a consequence, I get the impression that he is often seen as a man of contradictions and an object of contempt for many, the fact of which has made it a little too "easy" for Albanese!

A new paradigm of politics is very much needed. For example, it seems pointless to vote for a political party like a footy team which we always have and always will barrack for. Can we not read the signs of the times? Compulsory voting in Australia might have turned election days into a kind of tradition, like Christmas, when some people always do exactly the same thing! The myth of "progress" also needs to be dispelled from politics. History tells us that not everything is progress. Seemingly small errors of judgment can lead to colossal consequences for society. We need to test everything rather than naively accept what is fashionable. Beware of politics based on emotive arguments or dishonest narratives! They usually purport to stand up for the weak and vulnerable, and then use the sympathy of the mob to bulldoze objective principles and processes, after which is created an easy environment for corruption and tyranny.

What does the new paradigm of politics look like? In order to know the answer it helps to examine what the old paradigm, in its desperation to hold on to power, tries to persecute. Here are a few aspects of the new paradigm of politics:

**Authenticity:** the seduction of "machine politics," with its well-funded and glossy campaigns, has had its day. The secret is out! Too many politicians are like employees of a corporation who parrot the script which the "machine" or the ruling establishment has written for them. The new generation of politicians will need to be competent thinkers who arrive at enough convictions of their own, with which to speak to the voters about what they truly believe.

**Transparency:** the internet has made it possible for the public to be exposed to views other than those espoused by the masters of the mainstream media. A good idea needs to prevail on the basis of its merit, at times as result of a rigorous debate, and not just because all dissenting views are being censored. Beware of those who have allergic reactions to transparency! Hopefully, the golden age of cheap slogans and spin is behind us, as more people take on serious attitudes toward the pursuit of meaningful existence, as a matter of life and death for civilisation, not to mention salvation!

- Fr Peter -

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## The Week Ahead

Sun 22 May 6th Sunday Easter	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 23 May	No Mass
Tue 24 May Our Lady Help of Christians	9.15am Mass with Yrs3-6
Wed 25 May	7am Mass
Thu 26 May	9.15am Mass 11:30am <b>Funeral Mass for Margaret Harnett</b>
Fri 27 May	9.15am Mass
Sat 28 May	9.00am Mass 9:25- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm Vigil Mass 5pm
Sun 29 May Ascension	8.30am Mass 10.00am Family Mass



### Recently Deceased

Mildred Pettit, Meret Cassimatis, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft, Biaggio Costa, Thomas Venket Raju, Maureen Stapleton, Giuseppa Campagna, Patricia McMellon, Peter Lyle, Nea Gooley, Gennaro Sacco

### In Loving Memory

Peter Peters, Frank Capra, Luigia Zegarelli, Caterina Costa, Ugo Burracchi, Tabita Lindarti, Irene Hall, Ariel Fiorini, Tarcisius Sujono Setio Kuncoro, Jimmy Simmons, Giuseppe Graniero, The Hayes Family

### Please remember those who are in ill health especially:

Mitchell Morris, Lucy Andaloro, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Mildred Petit, James Ybasco, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, 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.

**Rosary Statue**  
Mrs J. Handerson  
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## Excerpts from Archbishop Anthony Fisher's statement on Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021

Yesterday was a truly a dark day for New South Wales.

I am deeply saddened that the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021* has passed the NSW Parliament.

The disturbing nature of this legislation is compounded by the way the debate over amendments was conducted. All amendments put forward by those who would seek to make this deadly regime even a little bit safer were rejected.

That no meaningful amendments were accepted speaks to a 'winner takes all' approach by the proponents of this bill and reveals an ugliness that has invaded our politics. This does not bode well for the protection of our most vulnerable citizens.

The 57<sup>th</sup> Parliament of NSW will be remembered as having the shameful record of passing two of the most anti-life pieces of legislation that exist in Australia, and indeed around the world.

If a civilisation is to be judged by how it treats its weakest members, the NSW parliament has failed miserably and has set a dark and dangerous path for all posterity, determining a new and disturbing definition of what it means to be human...

Online Renewal Series 2021-2022

## RECLAIMING EVANGELISATION

How Jesus' Great Commission Will Renew Our Parishes

*Why Make Disciples?  
What our Tradition  
tells us about calling  
and forming disciples.*

Live online with

**Fr Mike Schmitz**

Saturday 28 May  
10 - 11:30 am

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**Last Weekend  
15 May 2022**

**2nd Collection \$1619.45**

1st Collection \$478.60

### Attendance

5PM	95
8.30AM	104
10AM	~145
<b>Total</b>	<b>~344</b>



## Pentecost Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022



**Join us for a BBQ to celebrate Pentecost 2022.**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June after 10am mass.**

**Lunch, drinks and good company provided.**

**There will be a jumping castle and music set up for the kids, so please bring the whole family along. Bring a picnic rug.**

**If you are able, please bring a fruit or dessert plate to share.**

**Wear something red for Pentecost.**

**Please note that there will be no parking on the school grounds on this day.**

**There is a volunteer list at the back of the church. If you are able to help please list your name and number on the sheet provided. Thank you!**

**For any queries please contact Sally: 0411 288 243**

### **Excerpts from 'The Christian in the world' (From the Letter to Diognetus)**

*Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs...And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through...Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law. Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again...*

*To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body...The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.*

*Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.*

### **Nominate your Parish Hero!\***

For the past 100 years, our parishes have been the cornerstones of local Australian communities. It's those special people that help make our nation thrive. As we move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, who are the people in your parish that stand out and make our community what it is today? Tell us their story and why they deserve to be recognized as a Parish Hero. Email: [parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au](mailto:parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au)

*\*This is a Catholic Weekly idea. But if you do decide to write about a parishioner, then, please share with the parish too! [beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyhillspriest@gmail.com)*

**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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