



Regina Coeli Parish

Beverly Hills - In the Archdiocese of Sydney



Weekly Newsletter

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 January 2023

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

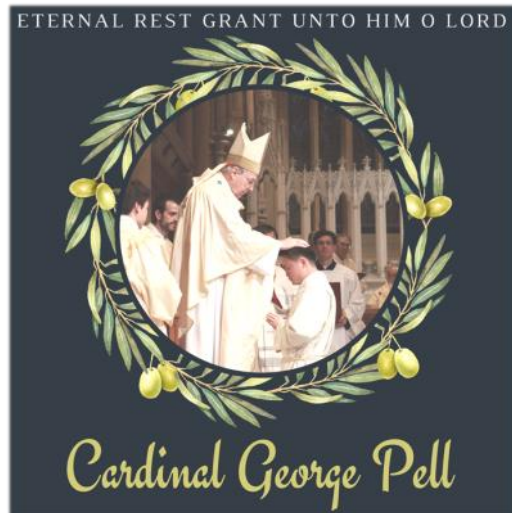


When Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI passed away, there was a sense of closure. After all, given the surprising longevity of the retired pope, not a few would have wondered about the looming possibility of him actually outliving his successor. The death of Cardinal Pell, however, came out of nowhere, a fact of which was made even more 'surreal' by the fact that, less than a week ago, he was on television commenting on the legacy of B16 with acuity and vitality. Archbishop Anthony Fisher put it well, I thought, when he said, **'...everyday for each of us is a preparation for our death so that we might be ready when that time comes...'**

'Surreal' was also how it felt when I first met the Cardinal. Toward the end of 2004 I applied for a place at the seminary and being interviewed by the Cardinal was the final stage in the process toward either acceptance or rejection. I had braced myself for what I thought was going to be a tough interrogation, at the end of which he might tell me to go home and be a good boy. But his first words, as he shook my hand, were to the effect of 'Welcome onboard!' He had already read all the documents relating to my application, in particular my "life story" which had been written clumsily but sincerely. One comment he made, which I still remember, was that he thought I might have a philosophical mind.

Over the course of my time at the seminary I got to see him privately at least once a year, as all his seminarians did. This was a duty which he seemed to take with faithfulness and seriousness and we all looked to him as our spiritual father. In these meetings, though imperfectly, I aspired to being transparent with him. As the prospect of my ordination approached, he once asked me what I thought might be the greatest challenge for me. There was a look of mild shock on his face when I said 'celibacy,' like he couldn't believe I just said that out loud in front of the very person who might or might not ordain me, which, as it turned out, he did without any delay!

The division between those who were pro-Cardinal-Pell and those who weren't clearly existed even among Sydney clergy. But one thing was for certain: everyone *respected* him, not just because he was a cardinal or archbishop, but even more so because he was evidently gifted in leadership. Some priests were opposed to him and even outspokenly so. But even they had to admit, I believe, that the man did not shy away from addressing the difficult issues at hand and then firmly standing by his decisions once they were made, thereby generating a momentum by which we all felt carried. As a friend of mine put it, 'Whatever one's position regarding the Cardinal, *he was a leader!*' **Continued on Page 3**



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The Week Ahead

Sun 15 January 2nd Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass
Mon 16 January	No Mass
Tue 17 January St Anthony	9.15am Mass
Wed 18 January	7.00am Mass
Thu 19 January	9.15am Mass
Fri 20 January	9.15am Mass
Sat 21 January St Agnes	9:00am Mass 9:30- Adoration 9:55am & Reconciliation 4:15- Reconciliation 4:45pm 5.00pm Mass
Sun 22 January 3rd Sunday OT	8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass

Recently Deceased

Cardinal George Pell, Maria Bila, John McCoy, James Costello, June Coyle, Veronica Kellert, Isabel Shai-Hee, Francis Law, Therese Foster, Noel Smith, Paolo Melia, Mark Alexander, Irene Daly, Mildred Pettit, Margaret Harnett, Carmel Bantoft

In Loving Memory

Lucy Wong, Gennaro Sacco, Ronald Xureb, Paul Gatt, Kathleen Coleman, Peter Pezzutti, Mari Zapata, Donato Canevale, Salvatore Russo, Fr Peter Phibbs, Pietro & Grazia Banno, Mary & Bernie Crawford, David Brown, James & June Roebuck, Bob Henderson, Fouad Attia, Maria Debono, Jeanette Cardoz, Peter Peters, Frank Capra

Please remember those who are in ill

health especially: Mary Patricia Hanrahan, Alida Clemente, Jane Abalos, Mitchell Morris, Brian Moore, Josephina Algozzino, Josh Venture, Carmen Bajada, Anne Kensey, Monica Costa, Quang Vo, Matt Nugent, Ann McDowell, Damiano Serravalle, George Dagher, Mrs Saba, Pat Mortimer, Mary Daniels, Geoff McDowell, Elena Mura, Mr TD (Terry) Wall, Kim Delaney, Lauren Sotano, Sam Hy, Luke Compton, Paul Camelotti.

Rosary Statue

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DEATH OF GEORGE CARDINAL PELL

A Statement from the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP

Today we have lost a Cardinal of the Church, a former Archbishop of Sydney, a fine priest, a good Christian soul. The Church in Australia and around the world is deeply saddened at the sudden passing of Cardinal George Pell, the former Archbishop of Sydney and of Melbourne.

Cardinal Pell's episcopal motto was 'Be Not Afraid' and through good days and bad, he lived up to these words as a man of courage and with a big heart, who trusted in divine providence. He fearlessly proclaimed the Gospel and worked to explain the teachings of the Church. He spoke truth as he found it, however difficult or unpopular. He was also a man of prayer, of deep Christian faith and a loving shepherd to his flock in parishes, schools, hospitals and throughout his dioceses.

Cardinal Pell was a proud Australian who loved this country and its people and he was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2005. The Archdiocese of Sydney thrived under his leadership. He saw great promise in youth, and his vision in bringing World Youth Day 2008 to Sydney saw a whole generation of young Catholics respond to Christ's call. Our community as a whole was uplifted by this colossal event and moved by the testimony it offered.

His Eminence was an author of books and a regular newspaper columnist, a lecturer and leader in Catholic education, and a scholar in his own right. He served the broader Church as a member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vox Clara Commission, the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Congregation of Bishops. As Prefect for the Secretariat of the Economy, member of Pope Francis' Council of Cardinal Advisors and one of the highest-ranking church officials in the world, the Cardinal's work for openness in Church affairs was hugely important.

His final years were marked by his wrongful conviction and imprisonment, but he bore this with grace and goodwill and gave us all an example of how to accept suffering with dignity and peace. His words of reconciliation with his detractors and concern for survivors increased in authenticity as he steadfastly and successfully maintained his innocence. He will be remembered as a courageous leader who inspired so many clergy and lay faithful around the world to proclaim Christ crucified, risen and with us still.

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Last Weekend 8 January 2023

2nd Collection	\$1436.05
1st Collection	\$497.90
Cashless Giving	\$205

Attendance

5PM	99
8.30AM	118
10AM	~140
Total	~357

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I would personally add to it as follows: *Whatever one's position regarding the Cardinal, he should not have been imprisoned for 405 days (at the age of 78)!* I am merely highlighting here the plain fact that there was not nearly enough evidence to convict him of a very specific crime which, according to almost all of the circumstantial evidence, was extremely improbable, if not impossible. And yet what happened? A collective frenzy to *get Pell* or *get the Catholic Church* prevailed, even at the highest levels of our institutions, a fact of which was shamelessly boasted worldwide. But the primary culprits still have not repented and continue to do harm to society, even today, with their lack of integrity and distorted worldviews.

Of course, the irony in all this is that the unhinged ambition to “get Pell” at the obvious expense of truth and justice has ended up actually adding to the legacy of the Cardinal, perhaps even more than his accomplishments, of which there are many. Without going into finer details about what exactly might have been his successes and failures (or his strengths and weaknesses), there can be no doubt that the Catholic Church in Australia owes him a great deal, just as I, personally, owe him a great deal. ‘Do not be afraid,’ was his episcopal motto. Thank you, Cardinal Pell, your fearlessness has been a real privilege for us to have witnessed! - Fr Peter -



St Joseph's Parish Riverwood is seeking a part time Parish Secretary. Hours are 9:30am to 3:30pm every Thursday and Friday. The role is shared with the Parish Finance Secretary. Responsibilities include general administration, phone enquiries and maintenance of sacramental registers. Experience preferred. MYOB experience an advantage. For any enquiries or to request a job description or send your application, including a one-page cover letter and CV, please email stjosephriverwood@outlook.com or phone the Parish on 0490 754 963. Applications close Tuesday 31 January 2023.

Positions Vacant – Catholic Jobs Online

Parish Secretary – St Catherine Labouré Parish, Gymea

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/st-catherine-laboure-catholic-parish-gyMEA-nsw-full-time-parish-secretary-gyMEA-nsw/>

Supporter Services and Database Coordinator – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/supporter-services-and-database-coordinator-catholic-archdiocese-of-sydney/>

Fundraising and Marketing Manager – Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

<https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/fundraising-and-marketing-manager-catholic-archdiocese-of-sydney/>

First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

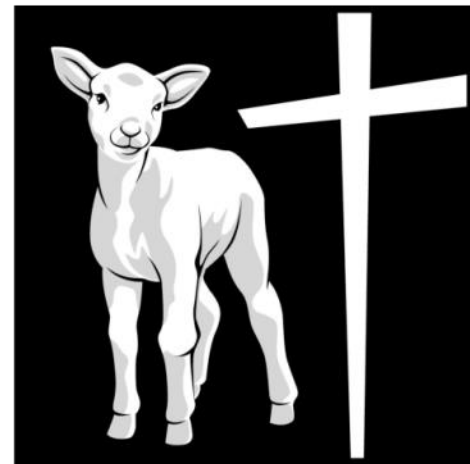
He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history.

Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.