

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2013

It's been a strange week where the moral high ground has been stressed and distressed. We have indignant politicians insulting and smearing each other as they play for the higher morals. Our gospel today also has a political character, Simon the Pharisee who is 'checking out' the morality of Jesus. Is Jesus a threat to the establishment? Simon already has an opinion and this meeting will prove the point. Simon has already shown his contempt of Jesus by not offering the normal hospitality, the ritual washing before taking to the table. He was watching and waiting for Jesus to comment on the law of which he is the moral guardian.

It was then to this meeting/dinner that the status quo completely turned upside down with the arrival of the woman, *who had a bad name in town*. The nameless woman upon hearing that Jesus was to be at Simon the Pharisee's house, came with her pain to be healed. She came to share what was expensive and valued as gift and pleasure. *She waited behind him at his feet*, in a posture of shame, and then being the resourceful woman she was, noticed that Jesus had not been offered the customary washing of the feet. The pain which brought her there, the sadness and sorrow which brought her to her knees in shame, also produced the tears needed to wash Jesus' feet; tended in love, dried sensuously with her hair and kisses and anointed with the precious ointment. Jesus accepted all her ministering as gift, which probably caused disquiet, but Jesus also accepted Simon's invitation which politically should have caused Jesus disquiet. Jesus preached in word and action that all people matter, that all people can be restored to relationship with God: the woman of faith and the man of the law. We know that the woman was forgiven, her faith saved her ...but what of Simon, was he sufficiently challenged to become a man of faith? Where do I stand? What is my moral high ground? What is Jesus'?

Marguerite Martin

FIRST RECONCILIATION

For Catholic children the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the start of an awareness of a gentle forgiving God truly active in their lives. Registration forms are now available for parents who wish their child to make their First Reconciliation this year on the 13 or 14 August.

The Initial Parent Meeting for this program will be on **Tuesday 25 June @ 9.15am or Wednesday 26 June @ 6.30pm**.

To receive reconciliation the child must be baptised and be aged 7 years or more.

N.B The Sacrament of First Reconciliation must be celebrated before First Communion.

Registration Forms are available from the pamphlet rack at the back of the Church, the Parish Office or St Vincent's School Office and must be returned by Fri 21 June.

Planned Giving Envelopes Programme

A reminder to assist our finances those who do not wish to receive a tax deduction would you please fill out the form at the back of the Church or alternatively contact the Parish Office.

Welcome!!!

Pastoral Year Students

Three seminarians from Fiji arrived last Tuesday 11th June 2013 to take up a 3 month pastoral placement here in the parish. They are Sowani Raivuni and Ligorio Toqiniwa from Fiji and Romano Pesira from the Solomon Islands. They will be presented to the parish community at all Masses this Sunday 16th June 2013. Please make them welcome.



Bethlehem Ex Students will gather at 10 am Mass today prior to their reunion at the College. We wish them with a great day of memories and laughter.

KASIN a speaker will be here next Sunday 23rd June at all the Masses to speak about the work of KASIN (Kids at School in Nepal).

Peter's Pence this collection will take place on Sunday 30th June.

Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on Sunday 14th July at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, at 10:30am. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell and all couples are welcome to attend and renew their vows. Couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year or who have been married in the last 12 months are invited to register with the Life, marriage and Family Centre on 9390 5283 or Imfevents@sydneycatholic.org, so they may receive a special acknowledgement at the Mass.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
 Tuesday 7:00 am
 Wednesday 12 noon
 Thursday 9:00 am
 Saturday 9:00 am
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm
 Polish Mass 12 noon

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

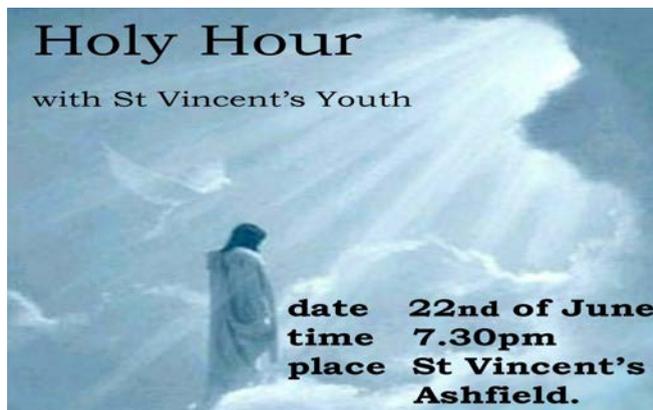
Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9:00am



Blessed Sacrament Chapel work on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel began last Thursday 12th June 2013 and will continue for two weeks until 26th June 2013



Complete 14 Kilometres for Compassion at The City2Surf 2013. This year, Caritas Australia is proud to announce that we are a Gold Charity Member of the City2Surf. To commemorate, we are giving 15 dedicated supporters the opportunity to join the official **Ks for Caritas team** and run in solidarity with the world's poor. This is a great opportunity to meet the bunch of likeminded supporters and actively contribute to the development goals of Caritas Australia. Every step of the way, team members will be supplied with regular communication and support from Caritas Australia. Plus, on the day you'll start the run at the front of the pack with your very own Caritas Australia Cheer Squad! Are you ready to be an advocate for change? If yes, visit www.caritas.org.au/act/events to find out more.

Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 8:00am Summer Hill Parish Tues & Fri 9:00am
 Wed & Thurs. 8:30am

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING: The Lord God forgave your sin; you will not die (2 Samuel 12:7-10. 13)

PSALM: Lord, forgive the wrong I have done (Ps 31:1-2. 5. 7. 11)

SECOND READING: I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:16. 19-21)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Her many sins were forgiven her, because she has shown great love. (Luke 7:36 -8:3)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



Next Sunday's Readings
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Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1
 Ps 62:2-6.8-9
 Galatians 3:26-29
 Luke 9:18-24