

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

July 19, 2015

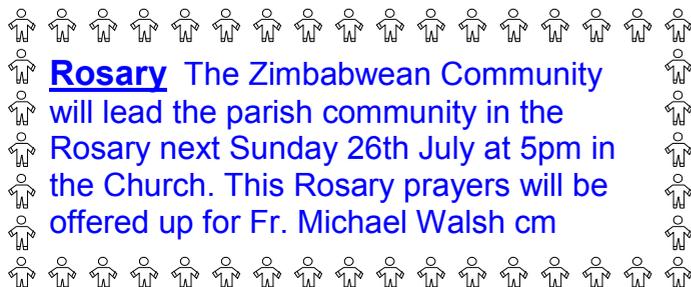
What if only one person had chased Jesus and the disciple's boat to its destination point, would Jesus have stopped to listen?

The gospel today we can enter into the concern and care that Jesus has for his friends... and those who clamoured desperately for his attention. The apostles had returned from their missionary activities and Jesus ever present to their needs was aware their need for rest, revitalisation and reconnection with God. His intention was to be with them, maybe to share more in the debriefing and maybe to direct them in their prayer. It is good to know that even Jesus can have good intentions that fall by the wayside when some need more pressing arises. An alteration in priorities!

It wasn't just one person but a large crowd who were waiting for him, who had anticipated his destination ... the lonely place was not so. It could have been a source of annoyance, of eye rolling and impatience. I mean, other things had been planned. Yet, Jesus felt pity for that crowd. Pity is a poor translation for the complete empathy, the connection that entered him and moved him physically so completely into their lost and desperate situation, that he abandoned his plans, and entered into the lives of so many.

It is here that my initial question is asked...what if there was only one person there to petition him? We know that Jesus showed that everyone mattered, absolutely, in so many stories but here we have the large crowd clamouring for his glance and his action in their lives which brings me to the Prayers of our Church. As we pray our prayers of the faithful and as we bring ourselves forward in the many grains of wheat and grapes in the wine to be presented on the table of the Lord we now know that our God will stop and listen to a crowd, a large crowd praying for his interaction in our lives.

*Marguerite Martin*

 **Rosary** The Zimbabwean Community will lead the parish community in the Rosary next Sunday 26th July at 5pm in the Church. This Rosary prayers will be offered up for Fr. Michael Walsh cm

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the Parish Meeting Rooms at 6:30pm

**Investiture of the Pallium** of Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be held within Mass on Saturday 25th July 2015 at St Mary's Cathedral at 10am. The pallium is an ecclesiastical [vestment](#) in the [Catholic Church](#) bestowed on new Bishops of a Diocese as a symbol of the jurisdiction delegated to them by the Holy See.

*All are welcome to attend this mass. Tickets for seating arrangements are available in the foyer of the Church*

**Receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the Financial Year 2014 – 2015 are now available at the back of the church.**

**Many thanks to all those who continue to support the Parish through the weekly planned giving envelope.**

### **Charitable Works Fund**

Collection for the Second Charitable Works Fund Appeal of the year will take place all masses on Sunday 2nd August.

### **Fr. Alan absences during August**

Fr. Alan will be away on holidays from 7—14 August. He will then be away attending the Vincentian Provincial Assembly from Sunday afternoon 16th August until Friday 21st August.

### **Got some spare time, looking for something to do ????????????**

The parish would welcome one or two volunteers to help maintain the gardens at the front and back of the Parish House and at the side of the church only.

No committee meetings, no schedules or rosters, just turn up when whenever you can. Gardening tools can be organised.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

**ORDER OF MALTA MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LECTURE.** His Grace, Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney will be talking on an issue of great contemporary importance, covering marriage and family and their role in the social fabric. The lecture will be held on **Wednesday, 22 July 2015**, 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start in The School Hall, St Mary's Cathedral College, Cathedral Street, Sydney NSW 2000 (entrance near the Cook & Phillip Park Aquatic and Fitness centre carpark). To RSVP or for further enquiries please email [info@smom.org.au](mailto:info@smom.org.au).

**Formation Training Workshops for Acolytes** (Preparation for those to be instituted into the official ministry of Acolyte; Completion of Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion is a prerequisite). This training workshop will take place at St. Jerome Parish Punchbowl on Saturday 25th July and 1st August 2015. Time: 9:30 to 12:00pm.

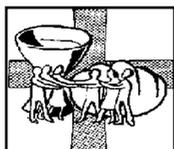
**Position Vacant** CatholicCare, Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking applications for 2 senior appointments: Executive Director & Chief Operating Office—Social Care. For a confidential discussion and copy of the Information Pack please contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055. Applications close Friday, 31 July 2015.

**Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 noon  
 Tuesday 7:00 am  
 Wednesday 12 noon  
 Thursday 9:00 am  
 Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am  
 Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am  
 Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass  
**Sunday:** 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm  
 Polish Mass 12 noon

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am  
 Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



Aquinas Academy in the City at 141 Harrington Street—near St Patricks—offer a range of informal adult education programs. Flyers are at the Back of the Church. Info 02 9247 4651 or [www.aquinas-academy.com](http://www.aquinas-academy.com) click on Courses.

**Retreat for Women** Join Sr. Mary Rachel OP, Francine Pirola, Fr. Epeli Oimagima, Sr. Judy Bowe MGL, Elizabeth Arblaster and others for an inspiring retreat. This event is for any single woman (18-35 years) who is seeking to into deeper relationship with God and take a step towards a fuller sense of the purpose of her life. Retreat includes talks on prayer, scripture, discerning your vocation, marriage, consecrated life and more. There will also be opportunities for private spiritual guidance, Confession, Adoration and Mass. Cost: \$190. Takes place at the beautiful Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre at Mulgoa. Enquiries/bookings: [Elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:Elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org) or 9307 8425.

**The great prayer and praise**

*There are two priestly duties that are the consequence of our baptism and confirmation. We are required to praise God and to offer sacrifice. This we do each Sunday and particularly during the Eucharistic Prayer. It is no accident that the great prayer of praise begins with a dialogue. In fact our response 'it is right and just' gives the presider 'permission' to continue with the great prayer he prays in our name. Having placed our lives on the table we who belong to Christ now engage in praise and thanksgiving as we offer one sacrifice. We stand—as did the church for more than 1000 years—to remind ourselves that all of us who share in Christ's priesthood exercise that priestly role together. The ordained presider speaks in our name. But all of us offer praise and sacrifice. Our Amen at the end of this prayer is a loud acclaim that we recognise Christ is truly present before us on the altar in the form of bread and wine.*

*Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ*

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**FIRST READING:** The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

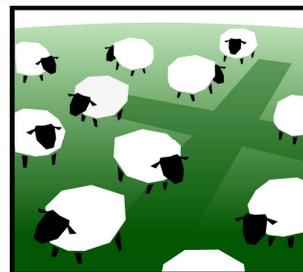
**PSALM:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Ps 22)

**SECOND READING:** Christ, our peace, has made us one (Ephesians 2:13 -18)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** They were as sheep without a shepherd (Mark 6:30-34)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



**Next Sunday's Readings**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

2 Kings 4:42-44

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

Ephesians 4:1-6

John 6:1-15