

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

June 12, 2016

Hospitality in Jesus' world was not just a choice it was the way of life. There was the demand in Jewish life to always extend hospitality especially to strangers, to be the Lord of the Strangers with a love of/for the stranger. It is a rather beautiful way of recognising in the other our common journey; it is the unconditional hospitality of welcoming others into the midst of family and community that Jesus practised and preached. It was from Jesus' understanding of the Jewish sense of hospitality that he could send the disciples, with confidence to trust in the providence and hospitality of the other. How different is Simon's hospitality in comparison to this! Simon doesn't appear to be Lord of the Strangers but rather he exercises that type of selective hospitality, the Lord of who I choose. He has power in his hospitality and it was in this setting that the unknown Woman, maybe of ill repute, appears. She hadn't been invited and certainly was not welcome. Yet it was to Jesus she extends her form of hospitality. She knows she isn't worthy to approach Jesus, just his feet! And to his feet she lavishes and demonstrates love. Her complete vulnerability and openness to scorn is scary, motivated I feel by a previous encounter with the Lord where she has glimpsed complete love and mercy and hospitality shown to the lost and lonely stranger. Jesus responded with the hospitality that demonstrates the love and mercy of God. In terms of hospitality, what emphasis do we place on hospitality in our society? Do we have the Lord of the Stranger hospitality, welcoming the traveller, the stranger, the refugee that speaks of the providence of God?

The women within the hospitality of Jesus becomes forgiven and restored.

Lord Jesus Christ Son of God have mercy on me a sinner.

Marguerite Martin

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 20th June at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

DATES FOR DIARY

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| 13th June (9am) | Queens Birthday Mass. |
| 19th June (10am) | Inner West Council and Bethlehem Ex Students. |
| 20th June (6.30pm) | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting. |
| 21st August (10am) | Club Ashfield Annual Mass. |

Mass on Monday 13th June (Public Holiday)

As it is a Public Holiday on Monday June 13th 2016 mass will take place at 9am instead of the usual time of 12pm (midday).

"Changing the Conversation about Asylum Seekers"

This campaign is a program of "table talks" events inside church and civil society organisations, which provide an opportunity for asylum seekers to share their personal stories and for members of the parish and school communities to explore their questions and concerns about asylum seeker policy in a safe, respectful space. An invitation is extended to attend one of these table talks on either Wednesday 22nd June from 5pm-7pm or Thursday 23rd June from 7pm-9pm. The venue will be in the parish hall. Please contact Fr. Alan on 97982501 or alan@vinash.org.au if you would like to attend. Please RSVP by Friday 17th June.

Inner West Council

Civic and Community group representatives from the Inner West Council will attend and take an active part at the 10am mass on Sunday 19th June.

Bethlehem Ex-Students

Ex Students of Bethlehem College will also be present and will take an active part in the Liturgy at the 10am mass on Sunday 19th June.

Parish Men's Group will meet next Tuesday night (June 14th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome.

Requiem Mass

A Requiem Mass to celebrate the life of Fr. Ernesto Espiña cm will take place in the Parish Church on Saturday 25th June at 9am. This will be followed by morning tea in the hall.

Fr. Alan

Pilgrimage Of Mercy – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door.

"The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis . Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray. For more information see www.sydneycatholic.org/yearofmercy.

3D MOVIE INVITE.

The Sydney Archdiocese is hosting screenings of the new movie '**St Peter's and the Papal Basilicas of Rome 3D**' at the Dendy Theatre Circular Quay on **20 June** at **1pm and 3pm**. Tickets available in advance at \$10 each by phoning **1800 753 959**. (Please Note: Tickets cannot be purchased directly from the cinema).

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 9:00 am
Tuesday 7:00am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 9:00am
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
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am
Friday 9:00am Communion Service.



FR. RONALD ROLHEISER OMI IN SYDNEY.

Catalyst for Renewal warmly invites you to join Fr. Ronald Rolheiser in Sydney as he presents two topics: "Seeking Mature Discipleship and Beyond" and "Carrying Ecclesial Tensions Today." Fr Ron, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, is a popular speaker with an international reputation. Saturday, **2 July 2016**. Doors open 9:00 am, First Session 10:10 am, Concludes at 2:00 pm. The Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney (alongside St Mary's Church). BYO Lunch. Morning/Afternoon Tea Provided. Tea/Coffee Available. Entry: \$15 per head. Tickets available via www.trybooking.com/195424 or **02 9990 7003** or Email: catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au

Youth Ministry Convention

We are back again with the boys from Life Teen USA who will lead us through 3 days of practical advice for our own youth ministries! 14-16 October, BXVI Retreat Centre, spaces are limited.
Email events@catholicyouthservices.org

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

is a *Marriage Enrichment* experience for married couples - set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 24-26 June

At : Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings online at www.wwme.org.au or

Bill and Ardell Sharpe on 02 4283 3435 or

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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.

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: 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
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1
Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9
Galatians 3:26-29
Luke 9:18-24