

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

June 19, 2016

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. Those attending are asked to bring a plate to share.

Fr. Alan

Who do you say I am?

I didn't know Fr Ernie Espiña CM who died recently in South America. However he was very much loved by the many who knew him from the days when he served in this Parish, decades ago. Who did they say he was? I have heard of his loyalty, kindness, intelligence, good humour (good joke teller). He recognised good in everyone and made a few people stand taller for meeting him and he brought his comfortable easy relationship with God to all he met. I know he loved good food and the fact that so many people wanted and remained in contact with him, the priest who went and worked half a world away. But more telling about him is the outpouring of genuine grief from those who loved him.

Who do you say I am?...There are times when words will never be enough to describe a person we love and know. We turn to the superlative descriptors but even they become tired and not accurate. Jesus asked "Who do they say I am?"...' Like Elijah', Peter offered, Elijah who looked after the widow and gave life to her son; and for me, the one who found God in the gentle breeze. No, Jesus was more.' Like John', Peter offered, the holy man recently in everyone's memory, the one who baptised. No, Jesus was more...he was the Christ of God. What did those words mean?

For Jesus it was looking into that space within each of us that informs us of, 'Who we say he is' and releasing that life, that is him. Renounce yourself and follow me and become me. Take up your cross and follow.

Marguerite Martin

New planned giving envelopes for July 2016 to June 2017

Are now ready for collection in the church foyer. Planned giving envelopes from 231 to 245 (for financial year end July 2015 to June 2016) has now been given new numbers.

"Changing the Conversation about Asylum Seekers"

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.

Inner West Council

Today we welcome Civic and Community group representatives from the Inner West Council who will attend and take an active part at the 10am mass.

Bethlehem Ex-Students

Today Ex Students of Bethlehem College will also be present and will take an active part in the Liturgy at the 10am mass on today.

Vinnies' Winter Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who donated to this year's St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. For those who haven't donated and would like to, contributions can be left in the Poor Box at the front entrance of the Church.

Bird proofing of St Vincent's Ashfield Church

A few months ago I announced that we had received funding from the State Government to bird-proof the front of our Parish Church. This work will now commence in the holidays on Monday 4th July. It is anticipated the work will only take a few days and there will be no disruption to our weekday masses.

Fr. Alan

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

- 20th June (6.30pm)** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.
- 25th June (9.00am)** Requiem Mass for Fr. Ernesto Espiña.
- 21st August (10am)** Club Ashfield Annual Mass.

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. Monte Sant Angelo, Miller Street, North Sydney (down the hill a little). 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

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
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
Friday 9:00am Communion Service.
Sunday 9:00am



UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME INFORMATION EVENING.

The University of Notre Dame will hold an information evening in the **Sutherland Shire** on **Wednesday, 22 June 2016** from **5pm-7pm** at St Aloysius Parish Hall, 18 Giddings Avenue, Cronulla. Current students and staff will be available to help prospective students make an informed decision about tertiary study. Applications will be accepted on the night. Please phone **8204 4404** or to sydney@nd.edu.au for further information.

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).

The Holy Father's Appeal will take place on 3rd July

In Pope Francis we have a truly an inspirational leader who leads not only in words but in deeds. Here is a humble servant of God who demonstrates the practice of his faith through his mercy, compassion and generosity. His global charitable causes reflect this genuine commitment to help the least of our brothers and sisters. Your donation to the Holy Father's Appeal would be greatly appreciated, and our parish thanks you for your generous partnership in our common mission.

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.

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING: They will look on the one whom they have pierced.
(Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1)

PSALM: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God. (Ps 62:2-6,8-9)

SECOND READING: You who have been baptised have put on Christ. (Galatians 3: 26-29)

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

GOSPEL: You are the Messiah sent by God. It is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer much. (Luke 9:18-24)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them food in due season.



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:16, 19-21
Psalm 15:1-2,5,7-11
Galatians 5:1,13-18
Luke 9:51-62