

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

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It's a very simple story that poses big questions. Three characters. Jesus, the guest, referred to as The Lord, who was welcomed by Martha into her house. She then went on to provide 'hospitality' and serve. However it was her sister who sat and listened to the Lord speaking. The question is which one of the sisters showed hospitality the best? We can observe that both of them welcomed Jesus in different yet complimentary ways, yet Martha was challenged that she was missing out ...she was jealous of Mary's position at Jesus' feet and discontent with her own. It is to this she appeals to the Lord. She regards her busyness as essential and important, I mean won't they all gobble down whatever she will serve, yet she has that feeling of being overlooked and under valued. Is this a gospel written about and for women? or is it about valuing the moment, not being a slave to the schedule or your perceived expectations for others and being available to the truth of life.

It brings to my mind those occasions when we are suddenly stripped of all the busyness, you know, the diary entries, the running around getting it done stuff, those things that we feel add value and productivity to our lives. Then something happens that has forced the world as we know it to stop. I think of the day my mum died. The question arises "What's it all about?" that causes that re evaluation of what is important.

Jesus was and is that life altering moment. They both recognised him as "the Lord" yet took different paths to receiving him. Martha couldn't relinquish her control position, the driving seat if you like and attempted to get Jesus to join her rather than the other way round. Whereas Mary gave Jesus her undivided attention... 'Indeed only one' thing is needed in following Jesus and that is our availability to hear what and where we are called to be.

Marguerite Martin

Ministers of the Eucharist Fr. Alan will be conducting two training sessions for those who wish to be Eucharistic Ministers to parishioners who are either in their own homes or in a Nursing Home. These sessions will take place on Tuesday 26th July at 7pm and Wednesday 27th July at 12.30pm in the Church. Attendance is required at only one session. Please contact Fr. Alan on 97982501 or alan@vinash.org.au if you are interested.

Movie presentation of [Chasing Asylum - AUS](#)

If you would like to join a party of parishioners to see this highly recommended movie at Top Ryde Cinemas (followed by a Q & A session) on:

Wednesday August 3 between 7pm and 8.30pm please contact the Parish 97982501 to express interest. The cost is \$20... transport can be arranged.

Chasing Asylum exposes the real impact of Australia's offshore detention policies and explores how 'The Lucky Country' became one where leaders choose detention over compassion and governments deprive the desperate of their basic human rights. The film features never before seen footage from inside Australia's offshore detention camps, revealing the personal impact of sending those in search of a safe home to languish in limbo. Chasing Asylum explores the mental, physical and even the fiscal consequences of Australia's decision to lock away families in unsanitary conditions away from media scrutiny, destroying their lives under the pretext of saving them.

Could you be a friend to someone in need?

Compeer mental-health friendship program matches volunteers in friendship with someone in their community who is lonely and living with a mental illness.

Compeer currently needs female volunteers in their 50's and 60's to spend an hour a week catching up with a new friend. Friends meet for simple activities such as having coffee, going for a walk or visiting the library. Training and ongoing support is provided.

visit www.compeer.org.au (part of SVP society) 95680262

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting The next Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 18th July at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Next Wednesday 20 July at 6.30pm we are having a Communal Penitential Rite (with opportunity for Sacramental Reconciliation) . All are welcome.

DATES FOR DIARY

- 18th July (6.30pm)** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.
20th July (6.30pm) Penitential Rite for Reconciliation.
25 July (9.15am) St. Vincent's Primary School Grandparent's Day Mass.
26th July(7pm) and 27th July (12.30pm) Training for Ministers of the Eucharist.
21st August (10am) Club Ashfield Annual Mass.
18th September(10am) St. Vincent's Feast Day.
20th September E Conference Year of Mercy.



RETREAT WITH FR JACQUES PHILIPPE.

Young men and women (18 - 35 years) seeking to explore their purpose in life have a rare opportunity to attend the Called to Life retreat with Fr Jacques Philippe. Fr Philippe is a member of the Community of the Beatitudes and has many years experience offering spiritual direction and retreats. His writings have become spiritual classics.

Date: 19-21 August 2016 (6pm Friday - 2pm Sunday).

Venue: Hartzler Park, Bowral. Cost: \$220. **Enquiries/registrations:** 9307 8425 or vocevents@sydneycatholic.org.

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 9.00 am

A Chorister Celebration

The boy-choristers of The Temple Church, London, the boy-choristers of St Mary's Cathedral and St Andrews Cathedral, Sydney.

When: Tuesday, 26 July 11.30am-12.45pm.

A rare opportunity to see the world-famous English boy-choristers of The Temple Church in the beautiful St Mary's Cathedral including the boy-choristers of St Mary's Cathedral & St Andrew's Cathedral. Works include music especially written for boys' voices by Benjamin Britten, and others including Vaughan Williams and John Rutter. Also the first time in history that the Cathedral Choirs, two oldest continuing musical institutions in Australia are singing together.

Cost and Website details:

Tickets range between \$5-\$15 and can be purchased from <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/39442>.

Social justice in an aging society

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 25 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place at the table :Social justice in an ageing society'.

The statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are the most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.

For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call 83063499.

POSITION VACANT

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. Applications are being considered for the position of **Bookshop Manager, Mustard Seed Bookshop**. For further information please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or by contacting Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on **0402 210 055**.

Applications close **Sunday, 24 July 2016**.

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.

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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.

READING: Lord, do not bypass your servant. (Genesis 18:1-10)

PSALM: The just will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 14:2-5)

SECOND READING: The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints. (Colossians 1: 24-28)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part. (Luke 10:38-42)

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
Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 137:1-3,6-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13