

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Mass

June 25, 2017

*Eleanor Rigby kept her face in the jar by the door...
who is it for?*

(That's Classic Beatles for those too young to know)

We all wear a mask of some kind that we present to the world, to protect our own vulnerability. I must hide my anxiety, my grief, my loneliness, my inadequacy, my weakness from the world. To put on a brave face is regarded as strength by our society. This is the first stanza of a poem called Mask.

Don't be fooled by me.

*Don't be fooled by the face I wear
for I wear a mask. I wear a thousand masks-
masks that I'm afraid to take off
and none of them are me.*

*Pretending is an art that's second
nature with me*

*But don't be fooled, for God's sake,
don't be fooled.*

*I give you the impression that I'm
secure*

*That all is sunny and unruffled with me
within as well as without,
that confidence is my name
and coolness my game,
that the water's calm
and I'm in command,
and that I need no one.*

But don't believe me. Please!

But with our God there is no pretence. He knows every hair on our head. He knows the reality of who we are. And it is when we are unmasked that we will find the reality of our God. *What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight* He will never ask of us to be more than who we really are, his child. It is wonderful to come to that awareness of how precious we are in God's eyes but our call is also to bring that awareness to others *in the daylight*. To bring tenderness, understanding, worth and friendship into another's vulnerable moments is bringing the living Christ into the daylight.

Marguerite Martin



Planned Giving Envelopes for the Financial Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, are available for collection at the back of the Church.

Existing Planned Giving Numbers from 211 to 230 have been assigned new numbers.

The receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the financial Year 2016-2017, will be available for collection sometime in July.

We would like to remind, please do not to use your old envelopes.

Thank you for your continuous and generous support to the Parish.

Two weeks ago we celebrated Confirmation here with 25 candidates of which three were adults. It was a marvellous celebration of the Spirit alive! We were enormously blessed with our candidates, with Bishop Terry and with the generosity of our parish people especially the 6pm choir who on a long weekend gave us the Joy of the Spirit alive in Music! Thank you one and all!

East Africa Emergency Food Appeal -

Caritas Australia Thank you very much for your generous response to the East Africa Emergency Food Appeal held in the parish on Sunday 11th June 2017. The parish managed to raise \$1809.65 towards this Appeal.

HOLY FATHER'S UPCOMING APPEAL:

The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held next weekend. Through this appeal you will become a vital partner of Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most, anywhere in the world. Please consider giving your generous support. Thank you.

Climate Change Petition Caritas Australia is very much involved in this petition as it is very much in keeping with the concerns expressed by Pope Francis in Laudato Si. Further information can accessed through website <http://www.caritas.org.au/docs/default-source/campaigns/faith-climate-petition-caritas-2017.pdf?sfvrsn=4?Download=true> Petitions for both the electorates of Watson and Grayndler are available in the foyer for those wishing to sign.

First Reconciliation registration forms are available in the Foyer. If your child is 7 years or older (Yr 2/3) they are eligible to receive this sacrament of God's love. This has to be celebrated before First Communion.

Sydney Alliance Assembly with Minister for

Housing on Affordable Housing Anthony Roberts, the Minister for Housing has agreed to meet again with the Sydney Alliance to further discuss the matter of Affordable Housing on Wednesday 12th July in the evening from 6pm -8.15pm at St Mary's College Hall (near St Mary's Cathedral). Everyone wishing to attend has been asked to register themselves. Please register by going to <https://register.eventarc.com/38557/sydney-alliance-affordable-housing-assembly> I have registered so I will be going. My plan is to catch the train from Ashfield to Museum on that day. **Fr. Alan**

Catalyst for Renewal Reflection mornings 2017 at Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall 3 Mary St Hunters Hill at 9:30am to 12:30pm. On July 1st, Fr. Kevin Bates SM who is the Parish Priest at Hunters Hill has selected as his topic "Fake News & the Light of Faith". For enquiries contact Carole 9869 1036 or Michelle 9958 5963.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday	12 noon
Tuesday	7:00am
Wednesday	12 noon
Thursday	9:00am
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am
Morning Prayer:	Saturday 8:40am
Saturday	9:00am
Sunday:	8am, 10:00am 6:00pm
Polish Mass	12 noon



Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9.00 am Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:00pm
First Friday of the month 9:00am Communion Service.

Social Justice Diary

25th June: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of the Seafarer
26th June: International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
29th June: Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
30th June: 1945: Introduction of unemployment benefits in Australia
1st July 2012: Commencement of the Fair Work Amendment (TCF Industry) Act 2011, ensuring fair pay and conditions for outworkers in the garment industry.
Tartan Day (Australasia)

LIVING LAUDATO SI In his Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls on all of us to embark on an eco-journey, examining the effects on the environment of our current attitudes and practices, and taking up the challenges to heal, protect and care for our common home.

Written by Manny Bautista, this book **Living Laudato Si': The Ecological Challenge of Pope Francis**, offers 40 brief reflections on the care of our common home. These reflections are helpful in rediscovering our eco-vocation as cares of God's creation, rekindling a sense of intimacy and communion with the natural world, and facilitating the much needed ecological conversion. The book is "an excellent resource, wonderfully clear, user-friendly and much-needed...it will be of great value for individual use, as well as for small groups in parishes." (Professor Denis Edwards, Australia Catholic University)

Manny will visit our Parish on Sunday 2nd July to promote his book after all the masses. You will have the opportunity to have your book signed by him. To order please contact: St. Pauls Publications on 9394 3400 or at sales@stpauls.com.au. Price per copy: \$20 and Postage cost \$5.00

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FIRST READING: He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil (Jeremiah 20:10-13)

PSALM: Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35)

SECOND READING: God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him (Romans 5:12-15)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, say the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Do not fear those who can kill the body (Matthew 10:26-33)

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



Next Sunday's Readings

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42