

NEWS AND NOTICES

DEVOTIONAL SHOP

Visit the after Mass today to see the new stock that has arrived! As well as beautiful gifts for baptism and other Sacraments we have prayer cards for patron saints including St Gerard (patron saint of mothers and expectant mothers). Medals for St Christopher (patron saint of travellers) and other miracle medals. We also have a lovely range of young children's nativity storybooks.

GREGORIAN CHANT

Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption
When: 5:30pm Tuesday, 15 August 2017
Where: OLSH Convent Chapel
2 Kensington Road, Kensington
Parking: On Convent Grounds
Enquires: stephens.harry@gmail.com
or call 0418 230 322



ST FRANCIS HOUSE OF WELCOME

If anyone would be able to assist with food gifts vouchers of \$20 or more from Coles or Woolworths to help support those who come to the House of Welcome. Please note that the new House of Welcome Centre has recently moved to Granville. For voucher donations, please give to Fr Bernie or the Parish Secretary.



YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

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CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY

Every Monday 5:30pm, Mary Immaculate is offering Christian Meditation in the Parish House. Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, is the prayer of silence and listening. All welcome. If you have any questions or are interested in coming, please contact Trisha on 9665 9017

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival closed on Friday 18 August; payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator, Janice on 0414 886 682 for further information.



You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the **Holy Spirit Fraternity Waverley** which will be held next **Wednesday, 23 August 2017** commencing at 7pm in the Friars Chapel.

MORNING TEA & KNITTING

Each Friday after morning Mass there is a Morning Tea and knitting in the Parish Centre, please come along for a chat and cuppa and stay for kitting also. The idea for the knitting is to knit beanies, hand-warmers and maybe scarves for people in need. Fr Bernie has all the patterns needed and will teach anyone who is keen to learn. These beanies etc will be then be given to charities like St Vincent de Paul, Cana Community and Matt Talbot Centre who support those people on the streets and in need of good warm clothing. **N.B:** Please bring 8ply wool & 3.7mm & 4mm needles.



Could you make a difference... Are you interested in being part of your local community? Do you have one hour a week to spare? Do you enjoy the company of older people? Support your local community by becoming a LinkAGE volunteer and spend just one hour a week visiting an elderly resident at an aged care facility. **Date** 12th and 13th September 2017 **Time** 9.00am to 3.30pm **Location** Mater Hospital, North Sydney Light refreshments provided. All you need to do is apply to attend a **free 2 day training course**. Please contact Anne Marie to find out how you can make a difference. **T** 02 9367 1117 **E** svcs.linkage@svha.org.au

SECURITY NOTICE

Please be aware of your belongings as we have recently had someone break into our collection boxes. If you see anything unusual or someone hanging around, please let Fr Bernie know.

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MARY IMMACULATE CHURCH, WAVERLEY

PARISH OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO - CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 – 20 AUGUST 2017

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15: 21-28

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out, and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

REFLECTION

In this gospel we find another example of the common device used by Matthew to denote the movement of Christianity from a Jewish to a gentile setting. Jesus has left the Jewish region around the Sea of Galilee and travelled north-west to the gentile territory of what was ancient Phoenicia in Syria.

Jesus' fame has obviously spread even here, but the focus of the passage is not the cure but the dialogue. The woman knows full well that Jesus is Jewish as she hails him as Son of David. His silence in the face of her plea is explained in the next verse – he did not want to exceed his divine mission which he saw as gathering all Israel into the kingdom. Jesus' response is harsh but the woman is quick to seize on his imagery and twist it to her advantage but with humility. She forces Jesus to confront a truth – God's salvation is available to all. He responds generously with both his praise and his healing power.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.



FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: "Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant- these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 67

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.



FOR VIGL MASS & 8:30AM SUNDAY

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15. 29-32.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead!

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



A FEW WORDS FROM FR BERNIE...

The Royal Commission's Report on Criminal Justice was issued this week and there were 85 recommendations made. As you can imagine this will take some time for all the info to "filter" through but one recommendation that made headlines this week was that priests under the seal of confession may have to report any cases of child abuse.

In a letter to priests this week, our Archbishop Anthony reminded us of the sacredness of the seal of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At the same time he made it clear that "Child sexual abuse is a terrible crime" and that it is extremely rare for "perpetrators to confess it". This is most definitely true. In an interesting point, Archbishop Anthony notes that Royal Commission does not propose removing the legal privilege currently recognised for confidential communications with lawyers or psychiatrists.

So where does this leave me as a priest and my role in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. First and foremost, what is said in the sacrament of Reconciliation stays there. It is not something priests "gossip" about! Sharing in the Sacrament is sadly something we don't get the opportunity to "do" often as so few people take the opportunity to receive this great Sacrament of God's mercy. For me, it is not about the telling of the sins, it is about the opportunity to receive some advice from another sinner (i.e. the priest) about how to strive to live a good life and then through the ministry of the priest to receive the grace of God's mercy and blessing. Recently you may recall I was available every morning for a whole week for anyone who wished to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the "Indulgence of Assisi" for the feast of the Portiuncula. In that whole week only 5 people came to receive the Sacrament. I like to see this Sacrament as an opportunity to give some spiritual advice as well as an opportunity to spend time in prayer with God, and most importantly to find peace within ourselves and with God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday morning from 9.45am onwards. I'm usually finished by 10am but if I was to sit there and be "busy" all day I believe that would be a great blessing for our community.

To conclude, and I'm sure you are wondering what my answer would be in relation to the topic mentioned at the beginning of this reflection – What if someone did confess to the sexual abuse of the child? I would advise that person to seek professional help, to then hopefully report themselves to the relevant authorities (I would be prepared to go with them to the police if necessary) and then ask the perpetrator to receive ongoing spiritual assistance. I well remember a movie entitled "Priest" that was released in 1995 about a young priest who was dealing with several issues relating to his role as a priest, one being the confession of a father who had been sexually abusing his daughter. The scene where he is praying about what to do is still a scene that even today I remember because it showed clearly the pain and the anguish of this young priest trying to determine what to do. (Be aware that this and other issues in this movie are not appropriate for young children)

As a community let us continue to pray that we are aware of the great mercy and love of God. Pray also for each other that we as a community may be a community sharing God's mercy and love to one another.

Blessings, Fr Bernie



DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ The cities of Tyre and Sidon were the leading towns of ancient Phoenicia. Both cities were on the Mediterranean coast of what is now modern Lebanon. The Phoenicians were descendants of the even more ancient Canaanites who populated the area earlier.
- ◆ Israel despised the Canaanites. It loathed the Canaanite religion with its pagan gods and fertility cults and found many of their practices abominable.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again from the dead,
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty,
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am, 9:45 - 10:15am Reconciliation 6pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am & 5pm

**Note: Children's Liturgy will be on the second Sunday of month at 8:30am mass and the 4th weekend is Family mass.*

PARISH TEAM

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LET US PRAY FOR...

Those who are sick

Nicola Jarman, Margaret Jones, Teresa Wong, Terry Dodds, Damian Johnson, Lorraine Ladd-Hudson, Maria Alves, Joanne Macrae, Audrey Moran, Catherine Davis, Sr Francis Murphy osc, William Beaudoin, Denis Lindsay, Albert Miu, Jett Jarvis, Grazia Mafodda, Ana Letec, Helene Beazley, Wayne Townson, Dick See, Meryl Tapsell, Jessica Amelia, Behan Kahler, Kathleen Schlink, Bob Lloyd, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Stan Vesper, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Kiely, Ann Thomas (Fr Bernie's Mum), Ian Godby, Gary Shipton, Br Stan Cusack, Joan Roberts, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Kim Roper

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Anthony Chin, Andrew Chin, Theresa Chin, Joan Lynch & Marie Kilkeary, Allan Smith, Marie Alice Conroy, John Chong, Bridget Pereira, Len & Elida Peirce, James Bradbury, Fr Fabian Thom OFM, Kathleen Taylor, Stephen Ford

Those who have recently deceased

Frederico Evangelista, Nick Klafas, Ellen Armstrong

Those recently baptised

Eloise Jane Wright, Sara Mila Tomaz Gomez & Ethan Mackenzie Wall

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES

CITY SILENCE

Every Tuesday • 6:30pm - 7:30pm • St Mary's Cathedral

City Silence is a Holy Hour hosted by *Catholic Youth Services* for young adults every Tuesday at St Mary's Cathedral from 6.30-7.30pm. This event provides a regular and consistent place for young adults to gather for prayer and fellowship. *City Silence* consists of times of silence, reflection, scripture, song and the opportunity for confession. Each week the event is animated and led by different presiders, musicians, confessors and servers. *City Silence* is not restricted to only youth. We invite people of all ages over 18 and backgrounds to *City Silence*. We find it is a great time to worship and adore Our Lord in the heart of Sydney.

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Come with us

For 16 to 30 Year olds

7 to 9 December 2017
at Olympic park. 15,000 expected and
already over 10,000 have registered.

WE WILL HAVE 2 GROUPS GOING:
• Students from year 9 to year 12
(the under 18s)
• Young Adults (18-30)

If you don't want to go alone or if
you are under 18 and can only go
with a group, come with us.
We will travel there and return
together as a group.

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