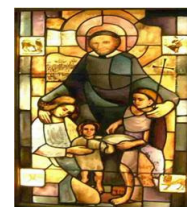


St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

January 31, 2010

Today we have a rare common theme in the readings. From Jeremiah's call as prophet, Paul's letter to the Corinthians and Jesus' speech in the synagogue, love is the repeated message. Despite various expressions and different demands, it remains constant and has much to do with justice: equity, peace, reconciliation and forgiveness. Jeremiah and Jesus illustrate through their lives that love not only sings and celebrates; love also answers God's call, despite the difficulties that entails.

In Luke, Jesus was jump-started into action. He claims his prophetic calling. His is a strong and unpopular message for the people about restoring equity. What began on a positive note – local boy made good – turns sour when he draws on a list of prophets to drive home a point, causing his listeners to not just take offense but go into a murderous rage. They were delighted with him until he began to meddle in 'politics': foreigners will experience jubilee first!

But Jesus was saying: 'Love your enemies.' God's circle of embrace, welcome and hospitality is much greater than ours. God's sense of community is bigger than theirs. What enraged them was that the vision he offered included everyone.

Jesus has just proclaimed the Jubilee year, the 'year of the Lord's favor' (Luke 4:19): debts are forgiven, lands are returned, captives are released and the poor are given a reprieve. This is the urgent call to the Western nations today as Haiti gasps for breath: not loans but grants; release from past debts, not more crushing interest payments.

We were 'formed in the womb' as were Jeremiah and Jesus. Do we believe it? This is our story, too. It's our call to service. God has chosen me to be a prophet. The function of the prophet is more than just to criticise the unjust status quo.... He is called to give voice to God's grief and pain and anguish over how badly things are going for God's people.

Being a prophet is daunting. Perhaps many of us are feeling reluctant. It is a feeling I share. 'No! Don't ask me, God! Ask somebody else.' But the fact is, God is asking you/me. There is no one else! Claude Mostowick MSC

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 4th February from 9:30am to 4:00pm Our prayers are for Priests and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

BAPTISM NEXT WEEKEND: Saturday, 6th February 11:00 am



Evelyn Cecilia Inness
George Nathan Ossolinski
Chloe Elizabeth Trute

CARITAS....HAITI APPEAL

Thank you to all the parishioners who have generously donated to the Haiti Appeal, \$1,355 was raised.

Prayer Group

An intercessory prayer session in a group every 2nd Sunday of the month from 2.30pm, it will start on 14th February 2010. Please come and join us.

Venue: George and Elsa
19 Goodwin Avenue
Ashfield
Tel: 9716 6676

Before we had the lights, the tree and the Christmas star down, Hot cross buns and Easter eggs appeared in the supermarket! Ash Wednesday, February 17, is less than a month away. YOU are invited to assist in the planning for Lent and Easter. We will have a meeting on Monday 1 February at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Look forward to seeing you there!

Every Monday afternoon at 1:00pm a group of Parishioners meet in the Parish Office (12 Bland St.) for shared prayer. It will resume on Monday, 1st February. All are Welcome.

PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Michael Walsh CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

'Come Holy Spirit'



"Healing Mass", Friday 5th February 2010. St. Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Road, Lakemba. Rosary: 7pm, Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass: 8pm.

The celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady D.D

Enquiries: Rose Ph 9642 2359/0412 115 961

Email: rosetwyman@optusnet.com.au

Prayer Mornings at Mary MacKillop Place, 7 Mount Street North Sydney, entry via Museum Reception

You are invited to the Lenten Series "The Cross" beginning on Ash Wednesday, 17th February and continuing each Wednesday during Lent, from 10.30am—12.30pm. Cost \$15 (Concession \$10).

If you would like to stay on for the 1pm Mass in the Chapel, you are most welcome.

Bookings and further enquiries: Sr. Monica Barlow 8912 4818 or mmp.ministries@sosj.org.au

Ashfield Council

You are invited to a seminar about memory loss and dementia being hosted by Local Councils, community organizations and Sydney South West Area Health Service. It will take place on Tuesday 23rd February at Ashfield Council from 10am to 12:30pm. For further details and to RSVP, please contact Ruth Pailas on 9716 1842.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday	12 Noon
Tuesday,	7:00am
Wednesday	12 Noon
Thursday	9:00am
Saturday	9:00am

Sunday : 8am, 10:00am, 6pm
Polish Mass 12 noon

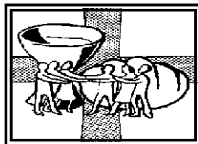
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Friday, Sat 9:00am



Opportunity to Study Maltese

Enrolments from students and other interested individuals to study Maltese at the Saturday School of Community Languages at Seven Hills are now open. Students who wish to join this dynamic class of motivated students can apply through their mainstream high school, by calling the SSCL on 9886 7505 or visit

www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/secondary/languages/sscl. The Saturday School application for enrolment may be downloaded from this site.

Contact: Charles Galea on 9674 2970 or galeachl@iprimus.com.au. Lessons will start on 30/10/2010 at The Hills Sports High School, Best Rd, Seven Hills. If distance is an issue please still make a call as arrangements may be possible.

Opportunities to study Maltese for primary and adult students are also available through Skola Maltija Sydney (contact Jane Borg 9920 0977 or skolamaltijasydney@yahoo.com.au or through Maltese Language School of NSW contact Maria De Carlo 9837 2514 or malteselanguageschoolsnsw@hotmail.com

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- ◆ Master of Counselling (Child & Adolescent)

All courses are held at The Australian Catholic University Strathfield Campus Higher Education Accredited—Fee-Help Available

Information Evening: Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 6.00pm Please visit our website at www.institutecounselling.nsw.edu.au
To register or inquire: (02) 9746 8800

***If there is hunger anywhere in the world,
then our celebration of the Eucharist
is incomplete everywhere in the world.***

Pedro Arrupe SJ, former Jesuit superior general

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Save us, Lord our God, and gather us together from the nations, that we may proclaim your holy name and glory in your praise.

FIRST READING: I appointed you a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19)

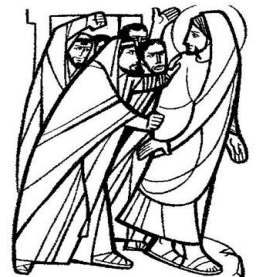
PSALM: I will sing of your salvation (Ps 71.1-2, 3, 5-6, 15+17)

SECOND READING: Faith, hope, and love abide; the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 12.12-30)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus was not sent only to the Jewish people (Luke 4.21-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant, and save me by your love. Lord, keep me from shame, for I have called to you.



Next Sunday's Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Isaiah 6.1-2a, 3-8
Ps 138.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 7c8
1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11