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June 13, 2010

Hospitality in Jesus world was not just a choice it was the way of life. There was the demand in Jewish life to always extend hospitality especially to strangers, to be the Lord of the Strangers with a love of/for the stranger. It is a rather beautiful way of recognising in the other our common journey; it is the unconditional hospitality of welcoming others into the midst of family and community that Jesus practised and preached. It was from Jesus' understanding of the Jewish sense of hospitality that he could send the disciples, with confidence to trust in the providence and hospitality of the other. How different is Simon's hospitality in comparison to this! Simon doesn't appear to be Lord of the Strangers but rather he exercises that type of selective hospitality, Lord of who I choose. He has power in his hospitality and it was in this setting that the unknown Woman, maybe of ill repute, appears. She hadn't been invited and certainly was not welcome. Yet it was to Jesus she extends her form of hospitality. She knows she isn't worthy to approach Jesus, just his feet! And to his feet she lavishes and demonstrates love. Her complete vulnerability and openness to scorn is scary, motivated I feel by a previous encounter with the Lord where she has glimpsed complete love and mercy and the hospitality shown to the lost and lonely stranger. Jesus responded with that hospitality that demonstrates the love and mercy of God. In terms of hospitality, what emphasis do we place on hospitality in our society? Do we have the Lord of the Stranger hospitality, welcoming the traveller, the stranger, the refugee that speaks of the providence of God?

The woman within the hospitality of Jesus becomes forgiven and restored.

Lord Jesus Christ Son of God have mercy on me a sinner.

Marguerite Martin

SAINT VINCENTS PARISH LOGO COMPETITION

St Vincents Parish needs a Logo. Something that defines us as a community!

How to Enter: This competition is open to all members of the Parish including St Vincents Primary, Bethlehem and De La Salle Colleges. Simply design a logo using drawings, paint, pc or whatever you are good at on a standard A4 sheet. Then drop it in at the parish office with your name and a contact number.

The Top entries will be displayed at the back of the church for the community to vote on and the winning Logo will be unveiled at St Vincents Parish Day.

Entries close Friday 23rd July 2010. Thank you and Good Luck!

St. Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

Today, Sunday 13th June the local conference is conducting the Winter Appeal. Envelopes are on the seats at the all Masses for those who prefer them. Cash donations are most welcome. Please help the Society members to continue with the work on your behalf. The appeal donation ions will be taken up immediately following the Offertory collection. Credit card donations are acceptable using the envelopes provided. Just remember to sign and put full particulars including the expiry date. Tax receipts for \$2 or more will be issued in due course.

Our Priest Art Competition

As part of our celebrations for the Year of the Priest, students in Years 4,5 and 6 from St. Vincent's Primary School participated in the "Our Priest" Art competition. In preparation for creating this art work, the students spoke with Fr. Michael and asked him questions about his life as a priest. It was a great opportunity for students and they really enjoyed engaging in this activity. Around the church are some of the artworks they created.

Mary MacKillop – An Australian Like Us

On 15 August 1867, Sister Mary MacKillop took both her first Vows as a Religious and the title 'of the Cross': a call to lifetime courage. After the most extraordinary cross, her 1871 excommunication from the Catholic Church, Mary was able to say 'I felt nearer to God than I had ever felt before' and afterwards to her mother she wrote 'My path, dearest Mamma, will yet be that of the Cross.' (1872)

Provided by Sr Marie White rsj of the Sisters of St Joseph - www.sosj.org.au. For further information, see www.marymackillop.org.au and www.cathnews.com.au

Thank you for supporting Project Compassion!

Donations received for Project Compassion 2010 enables Caritas Australia to support community development projects and emergency relief in more that 30 countries. You can still donate online at www.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413

You are Invited to a BINGO NIGHT Saturday 19th June 7pm at Club Ashfield



The youth group are running a bingo night to raise funds for the youth weekend retreat in August. The group will be selling raffle Tickets at all Masses on the weekend of the 6th & 13th of June (\$2 for 1 -\$5 for 3) buy a ticket before you leave.

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| 1st Prize | A hamper |
| 2nd Prize | A charcoal BBQ |
| 3rd Prize | An Ipod |
| 4th Prize | An Ipod |
| 5th Prize | A Meat Tray |

Over \$650 dollars value worth of prizes donated by our parishioners. Raffle will be drawn at the bingo night.

We are in need of prizes for the night, we are hoping you will be able to drop vouchers, hampers, health & beauty products, fashion scarfs, Confectionary, Custom jewellery, Picture Frames anything new that our youth group can package for prizes to be used on the night.

Please drop in donation prizes at the parish office.

*For more information take a flier
from the back of the church*

Thank you for supporting us empower our youth.

Youth-committee (Parish Pastoral Council— sub-committee)

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

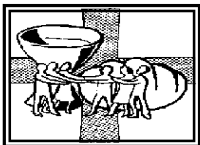
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am —8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

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



... Out of the Past ...

50 Years Ago – May 26 and June 2, 1960

SPECIAL steelwork is to be erected within the baptistry tower of St Vincent's Church, Ashfield, to support three bells of Polish manufacture donated to the parish by the Polish community of Sydney ... each bell is embossed with religious art work peculiar to its country of origin. With an approximate weight of 900lb, the largest bell bears an image of Mary, Queen of Poland, the smallest (300lb), a representation of St Stanislaus Kostka, and the intermediate one (500lb) an image of St John Kanty of Poland ... They were given to the parish in recognition of many kindnesses shown by the clergy and parishioners of St Vincent's to Polish migrants over the past 10 years or more.

Bethlehem College

- ◆ Congratulations to our basketball teams. All age groups Played extremely well in CGSSSA competition. Special Congratulations to our senior basketball team who won the finals against OLMC Parramatta.
- ◆ Congratulations to all our debating teams as we had a very successful season. We wish our Year 11 team all the very best as they progress to the elimination round on Friday night against Marcellin College Randwick.
- ◆ Congratulations to the Years 11 and 12 students who have recently been trained as Assistant Catechists. The girls will support the catholic children at Ashfield Public School.

SYDNEY CONGRESS

EMBRACING THE NEW EVANGELISATION

Monday 12th—Friday 16th July 2010

Congress sessions to be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, which will include Morning Prayers, talks and testimonies on aspects of evangelisation, with daily Mass and Adoration, and to be involved in the "Christ in the City" evangelisation events during the afternoon and evenings during that week.

Visit www.scene.org.au

St. Patrick's Social Club of Church Hill—City

Invites Single Seniors—unmarried, widows, widowers, divorced and separated for weekend day trips, lunches, visits and walks etc. Monthly meeting held 2nd Sunday of the month.

Enquiries: 9953 1377 or write to PO Box N79 Grosvenor Place NSW 1220

Ashfield Council

Connecting with Kids for Indian parents

Wednesday 28th July from 10am-12pm at Cadigal Room

Free parenting seminar, for more information please refer in the noticeboard at the Church' foyer.

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Lord, hear my voice when I call to you. You are my help; do not cast me off, do not desert me, my Saviour God.

FIRST READING: The Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die (2 Samuel 12.7-10, 13)

PSALM: Lord, forgive the wrong I have done (Ps 32.1-2, 5, 7+10b, 11)

SECOND READING: It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2.16, 19-21)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Her many sins have been forgiven; hence, she has grown great love (Luke 7.36—8.3)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



Next Sunday's Readings

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Zechariah 12.10-11

Ps 63.1, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

Galatians 3.26-29

Luke 9.18-24