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This Week 18th July 2010 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Yr C/2 – Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

God extends extravagant and generous hospitality to all people...

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at the heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.



Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our home, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am (Solemn High Mass) & 6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday to Friday: 6.45am, 1.10pm & 5.30pm; Saturday: 9.00am & 12noon, Public Holidays: 12noon

Reconciliation: Monday-Friday 12noon -1.00pm & 5.00pm to 5.25pm EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Saturday 11.30am-11.55am, 4.30-5.30pm- NO SUNDAY TOUR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

St Columbkille's McElhone Street Woolloomooloo - Sunday Mass 9.00am - Rosary at 8.40am

Friday Divine Mercy Novena - with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12noon, Divine Mercy Novena Prayers 12.30pm. Devotions will conclude at 1.00pm with Benediction in the Lady Chapel behind the Main Altar.

COMMUNION HYMN

*By your priestly power, O risen Lord
all we lost and needed is restored,
God in our communion be adored.*

1. At your hands, Lord, we are fed
hands that guide and do not falter
wounded hands that broke the
bread
on this altar.
2. At your hands we seek release
from the evils that assail us
for we know the Bread of Peace
will not fail us.

3. In the world that we have known
selfish, loud, vain passions riot;
Lord, with you, with you alone
in deep quiet.
4. To that world we must return
sharing in its hope and labour
bringing to it Christ's concern
for our neighbour.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art
thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
Thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word;
I ever with thee,
thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father,
I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.
3. Be thou my battle-shield
my sword for the fight,
be thou my dignity,
thou my delight;
thou my soul's shelter,
thou my high tower;
raise thou me heaven-ward
O Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.
5. High King of heaven,
after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
heart of my own heart,
whatever befall, still be my vision,
O ruler of all.

ENTRANCE HYMN

1. All people on that earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice
him serve with mirth, his praise forth
tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
3. O enter then his gates with praise
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name
always,
for it seemly so to do.
4. For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood
and shall from age to age endure.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Happy are they who have kept the word with a
generous heart and yield harvest through
perseverance.**

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND 2010 PASTORAL APPEAL

Next Weekend 24 & 25 of July, we will be holding the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal. All monies from the Appeal will be spread across the six agencies CWF supports, including CatholicCare, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, the Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Seminary of the Good Shepherd and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney's chaplaincies.

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All people on that earth do dwell – William Kethe d. 1594

Be thou my vision – tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne 1880-1931

By your priestly power – James Phillip McAuley 1917 - 76

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EMBRACE: Cathedral Youth Group – This Sunday, 18 July, join us for a night of Trivia. Meet outside Eastern Transept after 6pm Youth Mass.

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS CONFERENCE: Sunday 01 August from 4 – 7pm at Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney, representatives from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths will gather together to listen to keynote speakers, addressing the topic “Abrahamic faiths, contribution to society and relevance today”. RSVP Friday 23 July. Please contact registrations@affinity.org.au or call (02) 9702 0789. Light refreshments will be provided and seating is limited.

THE PRAYER CAMP: Temple of the Holy Spirit prayer group (THS) is a Catholic charismatic group that gathers every week at the Asiana Centre in Ashfield. A prayer camp “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” will be held on Friday 30 July at 8pm to Sunday 1 July, 4pm at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Bringelly NSW 2556. For details or registration please go to either www.thsonline.org, prayercamp@thsonline.org or contact Stanley Seah 0410 100 326.

HOUSEKEEPER, LIVERPOOL BASED: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Housekeeper. This is a part-time position, 9.30am – 2.30pm, 2 days a week. (Mondays not included). Applications to Anthony Spata, Polding Centre, Level 5, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org. Applications close 25 July 2010. All enquiries to 02 9390 5317.

ASSISTANT SACRISTAN ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of Assistant Sacristan. This is a full time position Monday and Tuesday (10am -6.30pm), Thursday to Friday (7.30am – 4.00pm). Applications to Anthony Spata, Polding Centre, Level 5, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney NSW 2000 or anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org. Applications close 26 July 2010. Enquiries 02 9390 5317.

PALMS AUSTRALIA – is seeking volunteers in Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Current needs include doctors, teachers, administrators, accountants, tradespeople, nurses and many other skills. *Curious to know more?* Please come to our Focus Workshop at St James' parish hall, 2A Woolley Street, Glebe. Saturday 7 August from 9.30am. RSVP to Brendan@palms.org.au or visit www.palms.org.au for more information.

MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: Sunday 8 August 2010 – Pedestrian entry to Mary MacKillop Place on 8 August will be via 80 William Street, North Sydney (Wheelchair access via Museum gates, 7 Mount Street). Masses will be celebrated outdoors on Glenroy Green: 9am, 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Chapel open for private prayer and visits to Mary MacKillop's Tomb: 8.30am – 5pm (Museum open (free admission): 8.30am – 5pm. Mary MacKillop memorabilia, Ethica Peruvian products and light refreshments will be on sale in the grounds of Mary MacKillop Place. For accommodation: www.marymackillopplace.org.au or www.anderledylodge.org.au

ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: 22–24 August, 2010. Fr Ermelindo DiCapua OFM Cap. Of San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Saint Pio's Ordination to the priesthood and to promote his works and spirituality. There will be masses, rosaries, adoration and veneration of 1st Class Relics of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. For further information email Mr Des Scully on scully8@optusnet.com.au – location Perth – WA.

ST JOSEPH'S NEWTOWN PARISH AND SCHOOL REUNION: We warmly welcome all past students from the parish and parish schools to our reunion on Sunday, 17 October 2010 at the 10am Mass. We will also celebrate Mary MacKillop's canonisation which occurs on that day in Rome. A light luncheon will follow in St Joseph's Crypt. For information contact newton@catholic.org.

<p>A COMMON POSTURE, to be observed by all participants, is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered for the sacred Liturgy: it both expressed and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude. GRIM 42.</p>

THE CANA COMMUNITY WILL BE SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS \$2 EACH OR \$20 A BOOK AT OUR PARISHES MASSES ON THE 7 & 8 OF AUGUST. PLEASE SUPPORT THEIR WORK.