Lk 7:36-50  A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Her many sins were forgiven her, because she has shown great love.

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee’s house and took his place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.’ Then Jesus took him up and said, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you.’ ‘Speak, Master,’ was the reply. ‘There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?’ ‘The one who was forgiven more, I suppose,’ answered Simon. Jesus said, ‘You are right.’

Then he turned to the woman. ‘Simon,’ he said, ‘you see this woman? I came into your house, and you poured no water over my feet, but she has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has been covering my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.’ Then he said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves, ‘Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?’ But he said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’

Reflection

A story to ponder... A woman was waiting at an airport one night, with several long hours before her flight. She hunted for a book in the airport shops, bought a bag of cookies and found a place to drop. She was engrossed in her book but happened to see, that the man sitting beside her, as bold as could be... grabbed a cookie or two from the bag in between, which she tried to ignore to avoid a scene. So she munched the cookies and watched the clock, as the gutsy cookie thief diminished her stock. She was getting more irritated as the minutes ticked by, thinking, ‘If I wasn’t so nice, I would blacken his eye.’ With each cookie she took, he took one too, when only one was left; she wondered what he would do. With a smile on his face, and a nervous laugh, he took the last cookie and broke it in half. He offered her half, as he ate the other; she snatched it from him and thought... ooooh, brother. This guy has some nerve and he’s also rude, why he didn’t even show any gratitude! She had never known when she had been so galled and sighed with relief when her flight was called. She gathered her belongings and headed to the gate, refusing to look back at the thieving ingrate. She boarded the plane, and sank in her seat, and then she sought her book, which was almost complete. As she reached in her baggage, she gasped with surprise, there was her bag of cookies, in front of her eyes. If mine are here, she moaned in despair, the others were his, and he tried to share. Too late to apologize, she realized with grief, that she was the rude one, the ingrate, the thief. This story demonstrates that it is so much easier to find faults in others rather than in ourselves. People find it easy to point out faults and accuse others. That was the mistake of the Pharisee... he felt so grand that Jesus would dine with him. He felt so important that he thought he had the right to judge others but he also questioned the power of Jesus. This Gospel challenges the thinking of people.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, Please help me to look at myself before judging others. Help to uncover my eyes that blind us to see the good in others. Amen.

St Oliver’s Multicultural Day

All are welcome to attend the St Oliver’s Multicultural Day Mass at 9.15 followed by morning tea. Multicultural lunch served soon afterwards. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Dates to Remember!

17th – 21st June – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 21st June 2.30pm – Year 2 Assembly in the hall

Monday 24th June 9.15am – Coffee ‘n’ Chat (additional meeting)

Thursday 27th June – Multicultural Day – Mass 9.15am

Friday 28th June – Staff Development Day – pupil free day

Monday 15th July - Term 3 commences

Urgent – Canteen Helpers Required

St. Oliver’s school canteen is an important part of our school community. We cater to hungry students and all profits go into funding used to provide additional educational resources. We desperately need more Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles or Grandparents to help in the canteen on either a Tuesday or Thursday. The advantages of volunteering include meeting other parents, making new friends and being in contact with your child, their friends and their teachers. Another bonus is learning a new job skill. Food handling and customer sales, which could be a great addition to a future resume! Please see the ladies in the canteen or the office staff if you can help, even for a few hours, from 9am until after recess at 11.30am or until 2pm. Or contact Tania on 0408050457 for any further information. Lunch will be provided.

Without your help the canteen may be forced to close.

Kind regards Tania.

Absence from School

If your child will be away from school for an extended period, please call into the office for an Exemption From Attendance Form.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Points

We now have 12,891 points, please send any remaining points you have hanging around at home in to school to boost our grand total.

A Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) service will open at St Oliver’s Primary School site on the first school day in Term 1 of 2014, subject to approval by the authorities. As you are probably aware, the parish premises where Harris Park Out of School Hours Care operates will not be available after the end of 2013. COSHC will send a survey to St Oliver’s families in Term 3, to determine parents’ needs. Further information and COSHC contact details will be provided with the survey. In Term 4 of 2013 COSHC will hold an information evening for families regarding the establishment and operation of the COSHC service at St Oliver’s Primary.