

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time C

January 20, 2013

Hope. Co-incidentally, that was the name of the newborn who played the baby Jesus at the 6pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Was this the gift that really has been given to us for this New Year? Assured Hope. We have moved on from the Christmas stories, to stories that the gospel writers retell to bring us the message of the mysterious hope. And what is the hope that we find in the story of the wedding at Cana? This is the story of the Holy team working, two completely Spirit filled people, Jesus and Mary. It was Mary that noticed the shortage of the wine.....not to be able to provide hospitality to the guests at a wedding would reflect very badly on the new couple and their families. Only she really understood Jesus, her Son. She had no misgivings about what had to be done. She set it up, she instructed the servants and Jesus turned the water into fine wine. Mary interceded on behalf of her friends. Her Son was hesitant to start 'revealing his glory' but it was Mary's confidence in who he was, that he would never fail her, that caused the miracle. Mary never doubted that Jesus would save! She had real hope, assured hope in Jesus. How is our friendship with Mary? Can we share her faith in her Son? Hope was the gift of Christmas....but have we put the gift back in the box until next year or are we using it, with confidence, daily.

Marguerite Martin

As Fr. Alan has a Meeting to attend the MASS on Wednesday 23rd January 2013 has been changed from 12 pm to **9:00am.** Apologies for any convenience caused.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Wilma and Selva Selvakumaraswamy who are celebrating 60 years of marriage.



LENTEN PRAYER GROUPS

Lent is 4 weeks away! Part of our way to Easter has always been to gather to contemplate the gospel and to pray. We are forming Lenten prayer and discussion groups. These prayer groups are the spiritual energy hot spots of the Parish! I encourage you to put your name, phone number and availability on the sheet on the notice board in the foyer.



Happy Australia Day

O God, powerful and gentle,
you love this southern land and all
its peoples, old and new.
As the Cross shines in our
heavens so may Christ bring light
to our nation.
As the waves encircle our shores
so may your mercy enfold us all.

O God,
the wonders of our vast and rugged land
reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.
May your blessings flow upon us
as a stream in the desert,
and may your spirit prompt us
to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of
strength. May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in
every storm. May God who made our southern skies turn our
darkness into light.

PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

Year of Grace and Year of Faith?

While planned independently of each other (the Year of Grace is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishop in response to local issues, while the Year of Faith announced by Pope Benedict is a call to the universal Church) both have as their goal a renewal of faith in Jesus Christ. The Year of Grace invites us into a spiritual journey of encountering Christ afresh in our lives through prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, celebrating liturgies, repenting of our failures and listening to the voice of the Spirit. The Year of Faith calls us into a deep renewal of our faith through retracing the history of our faith, studying the Catechism, praying the Creed and seeking to be an active witness of what we believe. These two impulses of the Holy Spirit complement each other and provide opportunities for us to discover and nurture the gifts of 'grace' and 'faith' at work in our lives.

The Dominican Friars will be holding a retreat for men aged 18 - 35 at Winbourne, Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre, Mulgoa, from 15-17 February 2013. Speakers include Fr Dom Murphy OP and Fr Paul Rowse OP. Theme: "Wisdom". Cost \$200 – includes meals and accommodation. Register by 26 January. For more information and to register contact Br James Baxter OP – james.baxter@op.org.au.

LOST PROPERTY can be found in the top drawer of the work sacristy. If you have lost something just ask one of the acolytes to assist you.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
 Tuesday 7:00am
 Wednesday 9:00am
 Thursday 9:00am
 Saturday 9:00am
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm
 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, 9:00am



Bethlehem College, Ashfield - 40 year reunion
 For students who commenced First Form in 1970 and finished Fourth Form in 1973.

Saturday, 9 February 2013 at 12 noon.

Gioia Café 126a Norton Street, Leichhardt.

Rsvp by 26 January, 2013

to Karen Antonios Pensabene 0423 226 088
 or Robyn Warren Colquhoun 0412 527 712
 or Helmarri Visintin Anziliero 0413 301 025

AUSTRALIA DAY Celebrations
 at St. Mary's Cathedral

St. Mary's Cathedral will celebrate Australia Day 2013 with a host of activities, including: Organ Recitals; Light Opera Recitals; Guided History Tours; Crypt Tours; Bell Tower Tours; Storytelling and Face-painting for Children. **Mass** will be celebrated at **12noon** to pray for God's blessing on all Australian people. **ADMISSION FREE. ALL WELCOME.** For more information call 9220 0400.

Red Mass: Tuesday, 29 January 2013

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Pell at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at 9.00 am. The Red Mass marks the commencement of the judicial term and invokes the guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who seek and administer justice. All are warmly invited to attend.

Inquiries: Mary Joseph, St Thomas More Society, 9390 5222.

DEAR God
 When is the best
 time
 for me to call?

Amen



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ENTRANCE PROCESSION: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you (Isaiah 62:1-5)

PSALM: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations (Ps 95:1-3, 7-10)

SECOND READING: One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee (John 2:1-11)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Ps 18:8-10. 15

1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21