

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

January 27, 2013

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil. Graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

In the previous translation this prayer asks to free us from all anxieties, but include in that all our insecurities that freeze us from being the person of the kingdom of Hope. There are so many fears, fear of getting involved, fear of being tired, fear of having no time for self. Just imagine if **safe from all distress** what peace could be achieved for the kingdom. We have the assured Hope of Jesus.

As the American President enters into his second term, a black woman from Washington was interviewed on the TV and spoke of her Hope. She had hoped that a black president would suddenly turn her world upside down, that black people would have more prosperity and more chances of achieving prosperity that before....he had disappointed her in his first term. The 'Yes we can' rhetoric of his first election seems to have been lost.

Jesus our hope, today gives his Mission statement, what is being fulfilled today even as we listen. His Mission is to turn our world upside down. To restore justice and bring peace to the oppressed and down trodden. It is the Mission of the Hopeful to the Other not to the self.

Marguerite Martin

The Work of Christmas

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart." *Howard Thurman*

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bill Collins

Next Sunday is Catechist Sunday

Children's Liturgy starts next Sunday
3rd February at 10:00am Mass.

Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Sr Marie Therese Levey RSJ on 60 years of religious life. Sr Marie was one of the Diamond Jubilarians featured on the front of the Catholic Weekly (last week) gathered at Mary Mckillop's Chapel. Sr Marie regularly provides the music for our 8am Mass. Also in the list of Jubilarians Sr Anne Love RSJ... a Golden Jubilee. Congratulations!



An Anointing Mass will be held this **Thursday 31st January at 9:00am**. This will be followed by morning tea in the meeting rooms.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Lenten Small Groups are part of our Lenten preparation and also a wonderful way to meet like minded people of our Parish. Please put your name, phone number and availability on the sheet in the foyer.

PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

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, 4th February. All are Welcome.

Little Black Book for Lent now available in the foyer for \$4

The Little Black Book is your companion for Lent. It is a 6 minute meditations on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle C), a few verses at a time, with explanations and reflections along the way. The six-minute program will start on Sunday, February 10 (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday), which will give us three days to get ready for Lent.

Dru Yoga classes resume on Monday 4th February 2013 at 6:30pm. Call Ann at 0419 427 486.

Australia Day has been and gone! And that really marks the end of the Holiday period. Next week the boys and girls will be returning to school, the



little ones in their new uniforms, stiff new shoes and big bags. We wish them a successful year ahead full of learning, fun and

friendship. We welcome the teachers, old and new 'on the Block' back to Bland St and wish them a successful and satisfying year.



'Come Holy Spirit'



"Healing Mass", Friday 1st February 2013. 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

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Aquinas Academy in the City at 141 Harrington Street near St. Patrick's offers a range of informal adult education programs starting February 5, 2013. Info 02 9247 4651 or www.aquinas-academy.com click on Course. Information regarding these Courses are also in the foyer of the Church.

A New Beginning

Beginning Experience is a personal encounter weekend for those who are grieving the loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce. The next Beginning Experience weekend is on 1, 2 and 3 March, 2013.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7 am
Wednesday 12 Noon
Thursday 9 am
Saturday 9:00a.m.



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: o sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his His holy place.

FIRST READING: They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read (Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10)

PSALM: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life (Ps 18:8-10. 15)

SECOND READING: Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it (1 Corinthians 12:12-31.27)

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

GOSPEL: The scriptures were fulfilled on this day (Luke 1:1-4; 4: 14-21)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



Next Sunday's Readings
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
Time C

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19
Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17
Corinthians 13:4-13
Luke 4:21-30