

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

A parish under the pastoral care of The Congregation of the Mission known as Vincentian priests and brothers.

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

February 3, 2013

The small-town people of Nazareth thought they had Jesus pigeon-holed. He was Joseph's son, an artisan, a carpenter.

They had given him an identity with which *they* could cope, with which *they* could feel comfortable.

But, each of us has an identity far, far, deeper than can be seen by those who think they have known us forever. The life project is to discern the identity willed for you, willed for me, by our Creator, from all eternity.

God speaks to me, God speaks to you, as he spoke to Jeremiah:

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

Before you came to birth I consecrated you.

I have appointed you as.....' As what? To do what?

Some of you have discovered the 'what' of your identify desired by God.

Some of you have suppressed that identity, know it in your heart, and are sad.

Some of you are still searching.

The fact is, that you are not made in the imagination of other people. You are made as a particular and unique image of God.

Try to discern this by reading the gospels and by being open to human need for healing, liberation and love wherever it may be.

God *is* speaking to you through his Holy Word:

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.

Before you came to birth I consecrated you

I have appointed you as' As? That is the question.

For now, simply respond: 'Here I am, Lord.'

Fr Michael Tate

As Fr. Alan is away there will be Communion Service on Monday 4th February and there will be NO Mass or Communion Service on Tuesday 5th February.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

As you remember an address we give to the parish few months ago by Stephen Fenn, Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson, about the Blessed Sacrament Chapel being a Year of Grace Project. As part of these deliberations the restoration of the old Stations of the Cross has been raised. Stephen will speak on this matter at all the Masses next Sunday February 10th.



An **Anointing Mass** will be held at **Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel on Tuesday 12th February at 11:00am.**

Weekday Masses for Summer Hill Parish this week are on Wednesday and Friday both at 9:00am

This Sunday we celebrate Catechist Sunday. As well as profiling the work of the catechist we are appealing for more to **join us** in this wonderful energising ministry of making the Word flesh in our State schools. We need Catechists both at Ashfield Boys High and also Ashfield Public School. Catechists are witnesses to the faith we all profess. **How about it?** Every other Thursday from Midday to 12.40pm at Ashfield Boys High and every Wednesday from 1.50pm to 2.30pm. Ring the Parish Office for more information.

We especially bless our Catechists for 2013.

The Primary Team

Mary Hudson, Christine Ho, Theresa Horvath

The High School Team

John Kinnear, Justin Child and Fred Succar

We thank the catechists Anita Fernandes and Solange Dib who have been brilliant through 2012. May God bless you in your endeavours this year.

PARISH STAFF:

Fr. Alan Gibson CM

Marguerite Martin

BAPTISMS

Saturday, 9th February 2013

11:00am

Joshua Alex Armanini
Massimo Gabrielle Artese
Ryan James Milton



CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS

You are warmly invited, to come along to chat with us over a tea or coffee and some delicious homemade cake, about the traditions and rituals of the Catholic faith. Whatever your story may be.....new to the Catholic school system, a partner of a Catholic, not been an active church-goer for awhile, need to "brush-up" on changes and rituals in the Church, want to know how you and your family will participate more in our community here at St. Vincent's? Come along to either our Tuesday or Thursday sessions, we look forward to your company in the Parish Centre, 12 Bland Street on:

Tuesday 7pm to 8pm February 12th, 19th, 26th and March 5th or

Thursday 9:15am to 10:15am February 14th, 21st, 28th and March 7th

RSVP or for more details please contact: Sinead Kent at St. Vincent's School or 0420 653 637 or sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au or Marguerite Martin at the Parish office 9798 2503 or marguerite@vinash.org.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday Communion Service

Tuesday No Mass or Communion Service

Wednesday 12 Noon

Thursday 9 am

Saturday 9:00a.m.

Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00PM

Polish Mass 12 noon

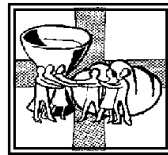
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am — 8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday, 9:00am



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.

LEARN TO DANCE....

We teach a range of Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop & Modern Dance to suit all ages from 3 years to adults & all levels of dance.

BEGINNERS MOST WELCOME!

Term Commencing: Tuesday 12th + Wednesday 13th
February 2013

Time: Children's classes Tues + Wednesday from 3.45pm

Where: Club Ashfield Auditorium:

2nd Floor Charlotte St. Ashfield
& St. Vincent's Parish Hall: Bland St., Ashfield



JOAN CARMODY

School of Dancing

Principal: Joan Carmody

Member: F.A.T.D Sydney

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Joan Carmody call 9583 9772 or 0419 619 177

Director, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for the role of **Director, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine**. This role is a full time position and is based at the Polding Centre, Sydney. Further detail about this position is available at www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications to Anthony Spata by email at anthony.spata@sydneycatholic.org by 17 February 2013. Enquiries: 02 9390 5317.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: I have appointed you as prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1st 4-5, 17-19)

PSALM: I will sing of your salvation (PS 70:1-6. 15. 17)

SECOND READING: There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love (Corinthians 13:4-13)

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

GOSPEL: Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews (Luke 4:21-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



Next Sunday's Readings
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
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Isaiah 6:1-8

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8

Corinthians 15:3-8. 11

Luke 5:1-11