

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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First Sunday of Lent C

February 17, 2013

Lent has started! **Come back to me with ALL your heart** was the appeal we heard from the prophet Joel on Ash Wednesday. Are we half hearted? What is it that ignites the flame of a full heart, a passionate heart? Recently a friend attended an interview for a job that he was quite keen on getting but a week later got the phone call that he had not been successful. He asked why? The HR person took a breath and reported that the interview panel didn't think he was passionate enough about the company.

This week we have also celebrated St Valentines Day... a day that traditionally lovers swear their undying love with passionate gestures. Commercialism has again taken the role of the passionate heart by demanding that roses and diamonds etc are the only acceptable gesture, when really it is about undivided attention and a full whole passionate heart

I have another friend who has taken on half an Hour of SiLent time through Lent, in house that is bursting with children and life, I think it is wishful thinking, but a great idea. Jesus took himself into the desert away from the distractions of life to prepare for this enormous call from God. To hear with clarity what his mission was to be, for God to enter into the lives of humanity, not as a supreme commander and all powerful God but the companion God who gives us all his attention. What we call the temptations were presented to Jesus, but was he tempted to leave his mission, his God given purpose? The purpose of this story is to know that our all powerful God is a God who chooses with all his heart to be a God with us. He is passionate about that!

Marguerite Martin

Mass on Thursday 21st February 2013

The time for the Mass this coming Thursday 21st February has been change from 9:00am to 9:30am. It will be the Opening Mass for St. Vincent's Primary School. The Principal Celebrant will be His Eminence Cardinal George Pell. Following the Mass Cardinal Pell will visit St. Vincent's Primary School for the Presentation Ceremony of the Archbishop's Charter for Catholic Schools.

- The Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 18th February 2013 at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.
- The meeting for Parish Finance Committee will take place on Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.
- The meeting for the Blessed Sacrament Sub – Committee will take place on Monday 25th February at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.
- Stations of the Cross Anyone wishing to make a small donation to the Stations of the Cross can do so by placing it in the envelopes provided.



RITE OF ELECTION.

At the 10am Mass today we will witness our catechumens sign the Book of the Elect. This book containing their signatures will then be carried into the cathedral to be counter signed by the Bishop, as he accepts their names. We feel proud and honoured that these people have responded to God's call within our Community. We promise to pray for them as they intensely prepare for full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Your support for Project Compassion gives expression to the Gospel imperative to help those suffering from poverty and disadvantage. This week in our DVD presentation we meet Ditosa, 12, who lost her parents to AIDS related illness. The Matuba children's Centre in Mozambique, run by Caritas Chakwe, offers orphaned and vulnerable children food, clean water and educational support, livelihood training and a place where children can be safe, happy and healthy. Please donate to Project Compassion today. Your solidarity means children like Ditosa have a brighter future.

Catechist News

Our wonderful team of catechists started back at Ashfield Primary School last Wednesday and were warmly welcomed by teachers and children alike! We welcome Praneeti Cyril to our primary school team this year and thank her for accepting this rewarding challenge and ministry. P.S A prayer from a 6th grade boy "Thank you God for starting our Scripture Classes again!"

Meanwhile our High School Scripture Team is short of catechists. **HELP!** All applications accepted but young people sorting out Study timetables... **Are you free on every other Thursday at midday?** Youth to Youth has an enormous impact on the students! We have a curriculum! Call Marguerite 0414 566 961 or John 0404 346 629

PARISH STAFF:

*Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap*

Marguerite Martin

Special Grand of Indulgences during the Year of Faith

Copies of the Cardinal's decree nominating the sacred and days for the gaining of the indulgence and a short catechesis about indulgences prepared by the Liturgy Office is now on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Let us pray together:

In our journeying with you,
may we never lose our sense of direction,
never lose sight of the landmark
towards which we travel.
And should cloud or rain obscure our vision,
may we draw closer to you,
so that our feet may tread
in you footsteps,
your words be our encouragement,
and your love our protection.

May we be a sign of your love
and a welcome to others this lent
encouraging them to tread in your footsteps.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12noon
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday 12 Noon
Thursday 9:30 am
Saturday 9:00a.m.

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

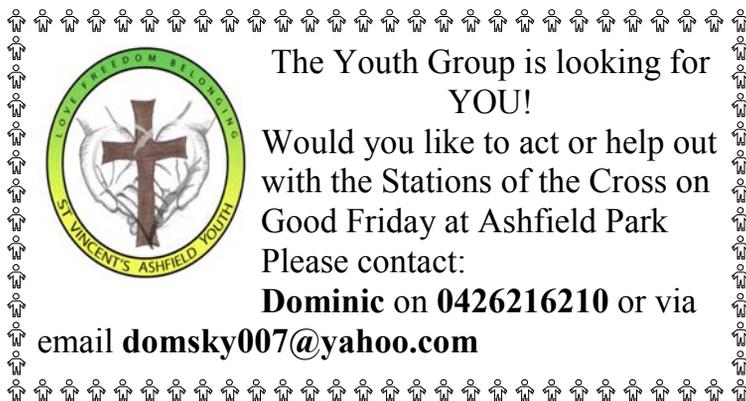
Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am — 8:40am

Rosary: Saturday after 9:00am Mass

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Sunday 9:00am



The Youth Group is looking for
YOU!

Would you like to act or help out
with the Stations of the Cross on
Good Friday at Ashfield Park
Please contact:

Dominic on **0426216210** or via
email **domsky007@yahoo.com**

Please can you help? Sr Maria Sullivan asks if you would you be able to give a short time one morning or evening a week to help with Sudanese refugees and their children at St Bakhita Centre, 2 Hornsey Rd, Flemington. We are need of volunteers to assist with Child Minding, Simple Computer Tutoring, English Tutoring, Simple handyman/woman jobs. Many of our parents already volunteer and Maria is in urgent need especially for Child Minding. If you can help, would you please make the following contacts: Child Minding: Maryanne Armstrong: wilcon@bigpond.com or 0407 526 195: Other Sr Maria mariasull@bigpond.com or 040 865 671.

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.

On March 24, Passion Sunday, commencing at 2pm *The Gregorian Schola of Sydney* will present, with scholarly introductions, a broad range of Gregorian chants from this rich centuries-old tradition. The venue is St. Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Road, Arcadia, and tickets are \$25. Bookings can be made by contacting johnandcarol@ozemail.com.au, tel. 9419 5838 and/or sold at the door. See www.gchants.org.au

In today's gospel we hear the story of the Temptations in the desert. Have you lost direction in life? Are you stuck and can't find one direction? Are life's temptations pulling you away from directing your thoughts to

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: The confession of faith of the elect (Deuteronomy 26:4-10)

PSALM: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Ps 90:1-2. 10-15)

SECOND READING: The confession of faith of the believers in Christ (Romans 10:18-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory

GOSPEL: Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted (Luke 4:1-13)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



Next Sunday's Readings Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18
Ps 26:0. 7-9. 13-14
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 9:28-36