

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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

12 Bland Street, Ashfield 2131 www.vinash.org.au E-mail vinstaff@vinash.org.au

Phone: 9798 2501; 9798 2503 (for urgent matters 0410 894 651) Fax: 9798 2504

Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday



**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 9, 2013**

The gospel today is the story of a woman with no hope. In her eyes and those around her it would seem that she is being most severely punished by God. The two men in her life, her husband, (she is a widow) and now her son, have died making her an outcast, a woman without a man to support her. She will be taken to the outskirts of the town to fend for herself. It is her grief as she is burying her son that Jesus is moved by. He feels true empathy. It is to this that Jesus shows the might and compassion of God that is only known to the people through the actions of the great prophet Elijah. He raises the widow's son, and gives him back to the mother.

There are two great messages of the gospel here. Firstly that everyone matters, absolutely, even poor insignificant widows banished by society; in fact our God is brought to anguish as he feels her pain. Jesus speaks words of comfort to the widow fully identifying with her, and humanity, in her plight. "Do not Cry".... do not abandon hope. Secondly, he restores life and relationship for the woman. The son rises and with his mother they have a renewed humanity. This is how our God reveals himself most clearly. His heart breaks at our sufferings and points us to hope when loss and despair is about to overcome us. Like the observers from the village of Naim said, "God has visited his people."

*Marguerite Martin*

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

For Catholic children the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the start of an awareness of a gentle forgiving God truly active in their lives. Registration forms are now available for parents who wish their child to make their First Reconciliation this year on the 13 or 14 August.

**The Initial Parent Meeting** for this program will be on **Tuesday 25 June @ 9.15am** or **Wednesday 26 June @ 6.30pm**. To receive reconciliation the child must be baptised and be aged 7 years or more.

**N.B The Sacrament of First Reconciliation must be celebrated before First Communion.**

Registration Forms are available from the pamphlet rack at the back of the Church, the Parish Office or St Vincent's School Office and must be returned by Fri 21 June.

Monday, 10th June is a public holiday

Mass will be celebrated at **9:00am**  
**(There will be NO 12 noon)**

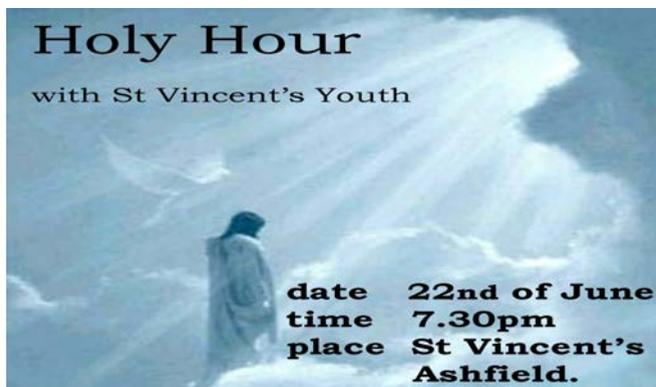
**THE PARISH MENS GROUP** will meet 11th June Tuesday night in the Parish Meeting Room at 7:30pm. The meeting involves about 10 to 15 minutes of reflection and then chat about any issues people wish to discuss. Any men interested please feel free to come along.

## **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

Painting on the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will begin this Wednesday 12th June and will continue for two weeks.

The next meeting of the **Finance Committee** will take place on Wednesday 12th June at 7:00pm

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday 17th June at 6:30pm.



**PARISH STAFF:** Fr. Alan Gibson CM  
Carmen Yap

*Marguerite Martin*

**St. Vincent De Paul Ashfield Conference** wishes to thank everyone who contributed towards our Annual Winter Appeal and your ongoing support through donations and the poor boxes, your support is a great help in our work helping those in need in our Parish community. To date our appeal has totalled \$5,217.95

**Complete 14 Kilometres for Compassion at The City2Surf 2013.** This year, Caritas Australia is proud to announce that we are a Gold Charity Member of the City2Surf. To commemorate, we are giving 15 dedicated supporters the opportunity to join the official **Ks for Caritas team** and run in solidarity with the world's poor. This is a great opportunity to meet the bunch of likeminded supporters and actively contribute to the development goals of Caritas Australia. Every step of the way, team members will be supplied with regular communication and support from Caritas Australia. Plus, on the day you'll start the run at the front of the pack with your very own Caritas Australia Cheer Squad! Are you ready to be an advocate for change? If yes, visit [www.caritas.org.au/act/](http://www.caritas.org.au/act/) events to find out more.

**Parish Masses this week:**

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



**Reconciliation:** Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am  
**Rosary:** Saturday after 9:00am Mass  
**Morning Prayer:** Saturday 8:40am  
**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**  
 Sunday 9:00am

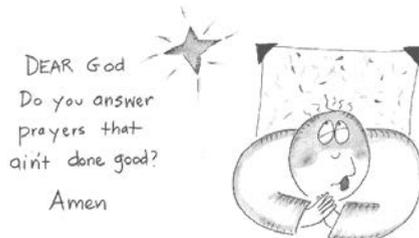
The Ladies of Catholic Women's League Hill invite you to attend a Mass and Morning tea to celebrate 100 years of C.W.L. in Australia on Sunday 16th June 10:00am at St. Patrick's, Drynan Street, Summer Hill. A feature at the morning tea will be a mini book stall and trading table plus the showing of the video commemorating their 100 years. All Welcome. Contact Cecily Ristuccia 9798 5059.

**St. Vincent's Family Playgroup  
 Thursday 9:00am  
 Parish Hall**

New Program of Activities, Stories, Songs and Crafts.

All preschool children, toddlers and babies welcome. We have toys for all ages, a book corner, crafts and snack time. Time to chat over a coffee or tea and an opportunity to make new friends! Looking forward to seeing you soon.

If you have queries or suggestions contact Sinead Kent at school or on 0420 653 637 or email [sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au). For more info please refer on the notice board.



Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 8:00am Summer Hill Parish Tues & Fri 9:00am  
 Wed & Thurs. 8:30am

**Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

**FIRST READING:** Look, said Elijah, your son in living (1 Kings 17:17-34)

**PSALM:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13)

**SECOND READING:** God revealed his Son in me, that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans (Galatians 1:11-19)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Young man, I say to you, arise. (Luke 7:11-17)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.



Next Sunday's Readings

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Samuel 12:7-10. 13  
 Ps 31:1-2. 5. 7. 11  
 Galatians 2:16. 19-21  
 Luke 7:36— 8:3