

# 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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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 28, 2013

Today the gospel speaks to me of our connectedness with each other. We all share in the parenthood of God that connects us as brothers and sisters in that "family way." Even the cynics among us couldn't help but welcome the royal baby this week, and share in the common experience and excitement of the gift of new life becoming a reality. Although this child has a kingly destiny, he is also just a new born with young and excited parents struggling to make the relationships contained in a family work. Being born and dying are the common destinies for all humanity. It's that bit in the middle we call life that is the challenge. Jesus talks of that closest of relationships the family when he asks us to address his Father as Father, our Father. It stresses the family aspect of all humanity. And what Father would respond to his child's request with what is not nourishing or fulfilling or bad. That fellowship also spreads to us, as co inheritors of '**your kingdom come**'. How do I contribute to bringing the kingdom to reality? Jesus also speaks of the persistence that we need to keep asking, searching and knocking not just of God but in the name of his kingdom. Do we speak out about injustice that we see being perpetrated in our name? Do we get up to ask for '**bread give us each day our daily bread**' for unexpected travellers from our friends with a persistent attitude? Do we welcome? Do we offer hospitality? Or do we keep our door shut! And refuse to share and break bread with brothers and sisters. It's a tough call to understand what is asked by Our Father. Look to Jesus he went to the borders of society to bring people in!

*Marguerite Martin*

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Joan Collins  
Ferna Crocker  
Malcolm Bottom

### BAPTISMS

Saturday, 3rd August 11:00am

OLIVER MORAY GREEVEY  
ADRIANO ROLANDO RUIZ CASTRO  
BENJAMIN RAMSEY RUIZ CASTRO  
DANIEL RUBEN RUIZ CASTRO  
JAHLEIL PENIONI TUTUDUA  
JALIJJAH ETHAN TUTUDUA  
TYREESE EMOSI TUTUDUA

### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel Meeting 30 July**

Many Parishioners by now have had a chance to inspect the recently repainted chapel, and feedback to date is very positive. On behalf of the Parish, I would like to thank Lynne Bryant and Linda Stoney for their magnificent work on the new veil for the tabernacle. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel Subcommittee wants to build on stage 1 of the improvements to the Chapel, and is convening a meeting for all interested parishioners on Tuesday 30 July in the Parish Office, commencing at 7:30pm. All welcome.

### **Marriage and Family Sunday**

Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday. This is an opportunity to pray for marriages and families and thank God for the gift of marriage and family life. This year we are celebrating the Year of Faith, and focusing upon the blessings and significance of eating, praying and receiving the Eucharist together as a family. A brochure on this theme, "**Eat Together, Pray Together, Go to Mass Together**", has been prepared for this occasion. You are invited to take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.

### **Building the St. Vincent's parish community— Sydney Alliance**

As part of our steps towards fostering a greater sense of community within St. Vincent's parish, we warmly invite you to attend a parish meeting on Sunday 28th July from 4—5pm.

The meeting is a great chance to meet another St. Vincent's parishioner, and learn about why others are exploring the principles of the Sydney Alliance and how it can foster not only a sense of belonging within the Parish, but strengthen relationships with the broader community.

If you would like to find out a bit more about your fellow parishioners, are interested in helping build a greater sense of community within our parish, pop along for an hour to the St. Vincent's Hall on the 28th July.

For more information, call Stephen Fenn on 0423 027 657 or have a chat with Fr. Alan.

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

*Marguerite Martin*

Receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the Financial Year 2012-2013, are now available at the back of the church.

Many thanks to all those who continue to support the Parish through the weekly planned giving envelope.

**Retreat for Women at Mulgoa (23-25 August 2013)** A retreat to assist single women 18-35 to enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and grow to a fuller understanding of the unique purpose of your life. Includes catechesis on Vocations & Discernment, Prayer, Scripture, Dating & Marriage and Religious Life, with guest speakers St. Mary Rachel OP, Fr. Greg Morgan, Dr. Robert Tilley, Karen Doyle and Sr. Hilda Scott OSB. Also includes the chance for private spiritual guidance. Cost: \$190. For further info contact elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5937. See program at vocationcentre.org.au/

**'Come Holy Spirit'**



**"Healing Mass", Friday 2nd August 2013. St. Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Road, Lakemba. Rosary: 7pm, Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass: 8pm.**

**Exposition (after Mass) The celebrant will be Fr. Terence Millard**

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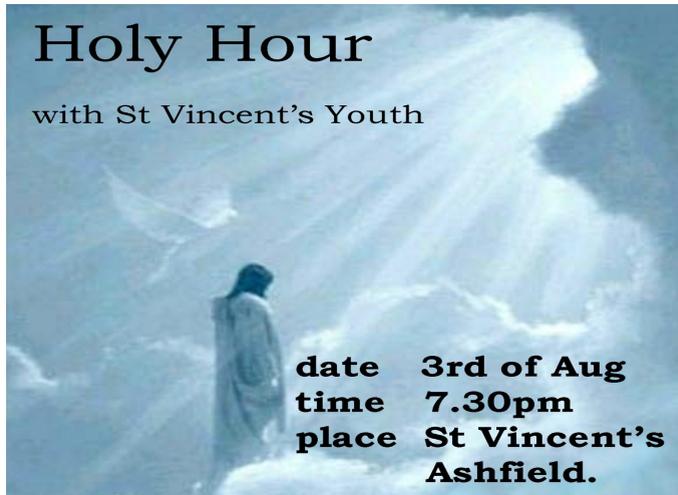
**Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 noon  
 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



# Holy Hour

with St Vincent's Youth



**date 3rd of Aug  
 time 7.30pm  
 place St Vincent's Ashfield.**

**THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL** will be held next weekend 4th August. Your support of this appeal is important in raising the vital funds necessary to keep the programs of the 6 agencies which benefit from the appeal running. The CWF has been helping our Sydney community for over 60 years, helping thousands of lives every year. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

**Pastoral Students Parish Visitation**

Lino, Qorio and Romano have all expressed interest in doing some visitation around the parish during their stay here over the next two and half months. If you would like to receive a visit from them would you please put your name down on the list which is in the foyer of the Church or alternatively contact Fr. Alan on 9798 2501 or email alan@vinash.org.au.

**"National Vocations Awareness Week** will take place from 4-11 August 2013. Your prayers are asked that young women and men will continue to respond generously to God's call to serve in the priesthood and religious life."

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

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**FIRST READING:** Lord, do not be angry if I speak (Genesis 18:20-32)

**PSALM:** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Ps 137: 1.3.6-8)

**SECOND READING:** He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins (Colossians 2:12-14)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Ask, and it will be given to you (Luke 11:1-3)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Ecclesiastes 1:2: 2:21-23  
 Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17  
 Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11  
 Luke 12:13-21