

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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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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In our country, the image of the fire, red, hot and burning is an annual occurrence. A bushfire can clear National Parks and suburbs in a furious blaze leaving everything in its wake a totally bald, naked, traumatic landscape with seemingly no life evident. Then the miracle occurs. After the trauma, the shock and the devastation there is recovery and new life. Jesus is using this imagery today in the gospel. He is the arsonist and he is fanning those flames. This blaze will cause the conflict that comes when change has to be caused. Have you ever met that truly passionate person that can be described as having 'fire in their belly' and they can cause you to feel that discomfort. You can walk away, trying to justify how busy you are, or you can get on board. I had that experience some years ago when I met Sr Ethel Normoyle, a Little Company of Mary sister. Sr Ethel, an Irishwoman, established Missionvale Care Centre in Port Elizabeth, South Africa working with God's poorest in a shackland township, where there is 75% unemployment, 60% HIV/Aids and huge numbers of orphans. No electricity and 16 taps to serve 130,000 people. Through APHEDA, the charity arm of the trade unions, Missionvale is now a tax deductible charity. When the APHEDA officials met with Sr. they were overwhelmed with 'the fire within her' that does not extinguish and the devastation she faces day after day, and the hope she brings to so many. This is the style of the blazing conflict that Jesus wants his family to enter into with him, the baptism by fire, the blazing rows that have to be had, to bring justice and peace to the kingdom of God.



P.S www.missionvale.com.au

Marguerite Martin

Welcome to Bishop Terry Brady who has come to celebrate the roam mass with us and Club Ashfield.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Monday 19th August at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting rooms.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting of the parish Finance Committee will take place this Wednesday 21st August at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting rooms.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Maybe you have been baptised in another Christian faith tradition and would like to formalise your relationship in the Catholic Church? Have you as a Catholic ever been asked, how do I find out about the Catholic faith? We will hold Inquiry session on 25th September for RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For information ring Marguerite at the Parish Office.

MASS ON TUESDAYS CARDINAL FREEMANS VILLAGE

We welcome Fr. Terry Sullivan who has recently settled at Cardinal Freeman village. Fr. Terry will be celebrating mass at Cardinal Freeman Village each Tuesday at 9am beginning this Tuesday 20th August 2013.

Fr Alan will be away from 25-30 August for a Seminar / Assembly for the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers.

A visiting priest from the Columbans will celebrate masses on Sunday 25th August.

Communion Services will take place from Monday 26th to Wednesday 27th August.

A visiting priest will celebrate the 9am Mass on Thursday. The School will prepare the liturgy on this day where Father's Day will be remembered.

Asylum Seekers - Where To From Here?

Prof Gillian Triggs, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission will be presenting a talk on **Tuesday, 27 August 2013 at 7.00pm.**

The talk supported by the Good Sams Foundation will be held at Trixie Forest Hall, St Scholastica's College, 2 Avenue Road, Glebe Point. Admission - Donation at the door.

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

Marguerite Martin

RCIA THANKSGIVING MASS

The annual Sydney Archdiocesan RCIA Thanksgiving Mass and Presentation for all those who serve in the RCIA ministry or assist with bringing people into the Church will be held on **Tuesday, 27 August 6.30pm** at St Joachim's Parish, Lidcombe. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the dedicated work carried out in our parishes and this year it will be the last time we have our new Archbishop Julian Porteous with us before he gets ready to move to Hobart. Come along to share in this thanksgiving and celebration! Please contact **Catherine Hilder** at the Catechumenate Office on **9390 5951** or email to rcia@sydneycatholic.org.
RSVP's close 22 August. All welcome!

Mary MacKillop Place Pilgrimage

Discover the sacred places where Mary lived, died and was buried, now a place of pilgrimage for thousands of people from all over the world and of all faiths.

Date: Saturday August 24th **Time:** 2:30pm

Cost: \$25

(includes morning tea, lunch and pilgrimage booklet)

Entry via 7 Mount St

Information/ Booking are essential

mmp.ministries@soj.org.au or 8912 4818

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

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am



The Burse... the presentation of donations received through the Parents and Friends of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers in Australia and Fiji, known as "The Burse" will take place at St. Anthony's Marsfield on Sunday 8th September commencing at 2:30pm.

The Burse was formed some years ago to help educate men who wished to become Vincentian priests and Brothers and who could not afford their own education.

New subscribers are now being sought and all that is required is an annual donation. No one is asked to give beyond their means and any amount will be gratefully received. Phone Lillie Furlong, Hon Sec at 9797 6840 or see her in the foyer.

Mass for Pregnant Mothers

On Sunday 25 August at 10:30am, the Most Rev Terence Brady & the Most Rev Peter Comensoli will celebrate the Annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers at St. Mary's Cathedral. All women who are expecting a baby and those who would like to show support for them are most welcome. A morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Enquiries and registration can be directed to Imfevents@sydneycatholic.org 9390 5283.

Notre Dame Open Day

9am—3pm, Saturday 31st August
104 Broadway, Ultimo.

Experience life at Notre Dame on Open Day, with course information, campus tours, live music and free BBQ. Find out more about our core Curriculum, meet our friendly academic staff and socialise with current students. For more information, or to register online, visit www.notredameopenday.com.au

Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 8:00am

Summer Hill Parish Mass: Monday: No Mass Tuesday 8:30am. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.
(Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10)

PSALM: Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 39: 2-4.18)

SECOND READING: Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us. (Hebrews 12:1-4)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I have come not to give peace, but discord. (Luke 12:49:53)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.



Next Sunday's Readings
Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Isaiah 66:18-21
Ps 116
Hebrew 12:5-7. 11-13