

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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This was a news report that didn't come into the papers or the debate we are having here. Today we have Jesus talking about narrow doors. He wants us to be eager to come in and share completely with him. He doesn't care about our standing or our prestige but he wants to know, do we share with him in proclaiming the Kingdom in which Everybody matters, absolutely?

July 9 2013 **The Reporter** (I have edited this but it is available on line.)

LAMPEDUSA, Italy // Pope Francis celebrated mass on the tiny Sicilian island of Lampedusa on Monday to commemorate thousands of migrants who have died crossing the sea from North Africa, underlining his drive to put the poor at the heart of his papacy. The choice of Lampedusa for his first official trip outside Rome was highly symbolic for the pontiff, who said news reports of the deaths of desperate people trying to reach a better life that had been like "a thorn in the heart". "We ask forgiveness for the indifference towards so many brothers and sisters," Francis said to a crowd of thousands of islanders waving caps and banners in the Vatican's yellow colours. Speaking within sight of dozens of the abandoned boats used by the migrants, he paid tribute to the hundreds who drown every year trying to reach Europe and said he had come to Lampedusa "to reawaken consciences". "The culture of well-being makes us think about ourselves, renders us insensitive to the cries of others," he said, urging "brotherly responsibility" and condemning a "globalisation of indifference". The Pope celebrated mass with a cross and a chalice made from the wood of rickety fishing boats that migrants typically arrive on, mainly from Libya and Tunisia, dozens of which lay discarded nearby. Francis met with a group of around 50 recent arrivals, many of them young Eritreans, telling them: "We will pray for those who are no longer with us." Just hours before he touched down, the latest boat carrying 166 migrants landed on Lampedusa, joining the waves of others who have fled northern Africa in the wake of the Arab Spring revolutions that began in 2011. Cardinal Antonio Maria Veglio, head of the Vatican's migrant department, said he hoped the visit would prompt "concrete concern and solidarity to improve situations that have become inhuman and unacceptable".

Marguerite Martin

Welcome to the Columban Fathers who are presiding at our Masses this weekend.

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.

Today we celebrate **Refugee and Migrant Sunday**. Refugee and Migrant Sunday is a celebration of the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia.

Mission Sunday: Propagation of Faith Appeal will take place next Sunday 1st Sept. Lana Turvey, a parishioner who works with Catholic Mission will be speaking at all masses.

First Communion Registration forms are available now in the racks in the church foyer.

These forms must be **returned** to the parish office or St Vincent's school office **by 13 September**.

First Communion will be celebrated at all Parish Masses on the 10 and 17 November following a 4 week preparation (child and parent). Parent information sessions will be held on 17 Sept or 19 Sept. To be eligible for this celebration your child must be baptised and celebrated first reconciliation. For information call Marguerite 9798 2501.

St Vincent's Feast Day

Will be celebrated in the Parish on Sunday 22nd September.

A planning meeting for this, 'our big day out' will be held in the Parish Meeting Rooms Thursday 29 August at 7pm.

Ideas for liturgies and activities welcome and discussed. It would be good to have representatives from the many parish groups!

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

Our First Communion program is Parish based. Part of this responsibility is that we need parishioners to share their faith in God and especially the Eucharist with these young people. It is a lovely experience to get to know, in a most intimate way, a small group of children and their parents. If you would like to be apart, call Marguerite.

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 door. Tea/Coffee available at conclusion of the evening.

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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.

Have you ever Wondered?.. About God and the meaning of life? About the Catholic faith? Then, you may be interested in finding answers and finding out about the Catholic faith.

St Vincent's parish community invites you to an **enquiry evening on Wednesday 25 September 7pm** at St Vincent's Parish Centre (12 Bland St, Ashfield).

If you:

- * Have never been baptised as a Christian
- * Have been baptised in another Christian faith and are now interested in the Catholic faith tradition
- * Were baptised in the Catholic tradition but not raised as a Catholic
- * Are Catholic and would like to rejuvenate your faith, - then come along to this enquiry evening which is open to people of all ages. For more information, call Marguerite 9798 2501.

LAZARUS AT OUT GATE

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY STATEMENT.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **29 Sept**. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled "Lazarus At Out Gate. A critical moment in the fight against world poverty".

The Statement urges all Australians to focus on our obligation to help the world's poorest and work to combat poverty wherever it is found. Although progress has been made over the past decade in the fight against extreme poverty, one billion people still live on less than \$1.25 per day, 20% of the world's poor live in countries near Australia. For further details visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or **(02) 8306 3499**.

Discernment Retreat For Men Exploring The Priesthood (6-8 September 2013).

Could God be calling me to the priesthood? Do you have the faith to ask? This retreat is to help men in their discernment of a vocation to the Priesthood. It will be held at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush on Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. For men at all stages of their discernment. It's free, RSVP is required for catering and accommodation. Enquiries/RSVP: 9390 5970 or

vocations@sydneycatholic.org

Notre Dame Open Day

9am—3pm, Saturday 31st August. 104 Broadway, Ultimo. Experience life at Notre Dame on Open Day, with course info, 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 register online, visit www.notredameopenday.com.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon, Communion Service
 Tuesday 7:00 am, Communion Service
 Wednesday 12 noon, Communion Service
 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



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

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

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ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: They will gather all of your people from all nations. (Isaiah 66:18-21)

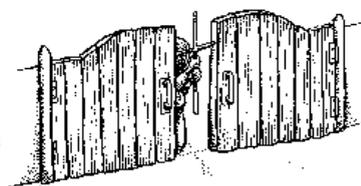
PSALM: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News. (Ps 116)

SECOND READING: The Lord disciplines those he loves. (Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God. (Luke 13:22-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-second Sunday
 in
 Ordinary Time
 Sirach 3:17-20.28-29
 Ps 67:4-7.10-11
 Hebrew 12:18-19. 22-24
 Luke 14:1. 7-14