

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-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2013

Gratitude is not something we are born with. As any parent knows saying 'Thank you' has to be taught. Demanding and satisfying needs are so part of life that when we see those terrible pictures of starvation and famine; of children, mothers and fathers with no energy, we observe the loss of the essence of life. Today's gospel is very familiar to us. The lepers were found in the border territory because they were on the edge of society, the marginalised. They were beyond help and the general theology of the day also had them damned because their affliction reflected their sinfulness. "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." They were desperate men. They had no other option but to trust in his power. He didn't let that faith down. He restored them to life. Yet it was the Samaritan, the stranger among the ten, who really felt not only the healing but the redemptive powers of God. "Your faith has saved you."

Had they all been gifted with faith as well? God has gifted us all with redemptive life. He has given us faith. It really needs our co-operation to activate that life. The other nine took and ran, but it was the outsider who demonstrated salvation through relationship. Gratitude is that acknowledgement of a gift that is essential to relationship.

We can pray, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us." Then praise God at the top of our voices and thank God for the gifts, especially of our life and our faith through Jesus that he has given us. Eucharist means Thanksgiving.

Marguerite Martin

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK There will be **NO** midday Mass or Communion Service this **MONDAY 14th October**. There will be Communion Service at midday on **WEDNESDAY 16th October**.



BAPTISMS

Saturday, 12th October 11:00am

CAITLIN COYNE
ANTONETTE RENAE DE LEON
ELYANA GRAZIA LAHOUD
MICHAELA LAZUM

Sunday, 13th October 10:00am

JONAH ALLAN ELLIS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 21st October at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting rooms.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on Wednesday 23rd October at 7pm in the Parish Meeting rooms.



Venue:

**St Vincent's Parish Office
12 Bland Street**

Wednesday 16 October 2013

eConference 10.30am – 2.30pm EDT

Keynote Educators

Fr Francis Moloney SDB and Rev Dorothy Lee

Morning Tea provided at 10.00am & Light Lunch

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Marguerite Martin – Facilitator

Official Website: <http://john.vivfive.com>

This weekend we are celebrating with the 30 families who are dipping their children deeper in the waters of initiation with preparation for First Communion. At 10am we will witness Evan and Chantelle Ellis bringing their baby Jonah to join the Body of Christ in Ashfield through Baptism, the start of the journey in faith. As the Body of Christ we pray that we will nurture and support all these families through these Sacraments of initiation; Baptism we welcome you! Communion we nourish you! and Confirmation we mission you to be Christ in the world!

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

Marguerite Martin

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Archbishop Award for Student Excellence

Congratulations to **Gabriel Samaniego** on receiving the prestigious Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence. The Parish is very proud of Gabriel's achievement in managing to win this very prestigious award.

RCIA every Wednesday 7pm

We will meet at the Parish Office with anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic.
12 Bland St. Contact Marguerite.

You are invited to the book launching of "Faith and Struggle on Smokey Mountain: Hope for a Planet in Peril" Fr. Benigno P. Beltran, SVD on World Mission Day, 20 October 2013, 2:00pm at St. Vincent Church Ashfield Hall, with discussions on how to bring the Gospel to the poor as Pope Francis has enjoined us all.

Please come and be inspired.

For more information, please contact Dina Aguilar-Franks on 0401 676 210 or email dfranks2193@yahoo.com.au

Columban Calendars 2014 available for \$10 and Catholic Weekly for \$2 from Lillie

Thank You

Joan Hargreaves wishes to extend her thanks to all the parishioners who have shown great and concern for her these past few weeks. She particularly wishes to thank those parishioners who gave her great assistance at the time of her accident. Joan continues to make progress in her recovery.

Artes Christi presents THE WIZ!

Don't miss this fantastic Jazz/Soul musical based on *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* which is on at the Seymour Centre this October in support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. It's great fun for ALL THE FAMILY & FEATURES & a cast/orchestra of 100+ people incl *Les Miserable* star Kelly Hoskin as Dorothy, Catholic singer-songwriter Gary Pinto as The Wizard, footballer/entertainer Jason Stevens as the The Lion & The Voice singer Carmen Smith as Glinda. PERFORMANCES: 17th October (8pm), 18 October (8pm), 19th October (1pm & 5pm) Tickets from \$35, ph 9351 7940 or www.the.word.org.au

Parish Masses this week:

Monday No Mass or Communion Service
Tuesday 7:00 am
Wednesday Communion Service
Thursday 9:00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 8:10am to 8:40am

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am - Rosary after mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am

The Columban Mission Institute seeks a full-time administrator with a passion for mission who has practical experience and skills in both office duties and communications. For a detailed position description see <http://bit.ly/GJWyDI> or e-mail director.cmi@columban.org.au
Job applications close on 20 October 2013.

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

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

Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledge the Lord (2 Kings 5:14-17)

PSALM: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Ps 97:1-4)

SECOND READING: If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner (Luke 17:11-19)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13

Ps 120

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8