

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 20, 2013**

Why don't you tell someone who cares! This is Jesus invitation to us. The contrast story is the widow who pestered, annoyed and nagged the judge to achieve her end. The widow knew that she could only achieve what she wanted through the unjust judge, so this was her motivation. It is the widow's persistence that Jesus is showcasing in the gospel story. She wears down the judge who gives in as the method of least resistance.



Jesus then suggests, what if you applied this persistence to someone who cares, like God our Father, how quick justice would be achieved. It is that co-operation with God and acknowledgment of the presence of God in our lives that is achieved with prayer. Prayer is relationship with someone who cares.....so tell him!

*Marguerite Martin*

St Vincent's Community  
Praying Together

As our HSC students  
Prepare for their exam today  
We thank you God  
For their talents and gifts.  
Help them remember all they  
have learned.

Be gracious with what they have  
overlooked.

Calm their nerves and anxiety  
We know this test won't change your  
love for them.

We ask you God to guide their way.  
Holy Spirit journey with them, always.  
Amen

St Vincent Pray For Us

## **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.

### 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.

## **DAILY MASS BOOKS FOR 2014**

We will be ordering the new Daily Mass Book 2014. The Daily Mass Book runs from Advent to Advent. It contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday Mass. Cost: \$19.50 or less if the parish could place an order of 25 copies or more. To place an order kindly ring Parish Office at 9798 2501 and orders must be received by **Monday 28th October 2013.**

Those who are interested to buy a copy of **"BREAK OPEN THE WORD"**, a book of Sunday readings with explanation. Please give your name to the Parish Office 9798 2501 not later than **October 28.** Price will be \$19.50 or less if more that 25 copies to be ordered.

A Big Thank you to the parishioners who gave so generously of their time to provide the wonderful Parish event, "Sisters in Glitter" last weekend. The show was reviewed by the parish and words like professional, wonderful, highly organised, fantastic, entertaining have come to my attention. Phrases like How did they do it? Wasn't the supper amazing! Those children were phenomenal! I loved the chocolate bar! And how generous are these people to do this for us! Thank you.

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

*Marguerite Martin*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend — relationship enrichment for married couples 8—10 November at Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW bookings: 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au. Information: www.wvme.org.au

**The New Evangelisation:** What is it and what difference does it make? Fathers Maurice Nutt and John Fahey-Guerra, from the United States, will be conducting a Summer School at St. Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW 17-24 January 2014. Maurice and John bring their enthusiasm and expertise to these questions and we can bring our questions and understanding. Phone 02 6380 5222 or email: info@stclement.com.au for details.

**Guild of St Stephen National Conference for Altar Servers (12-19 January 2014)**

This amazing week for altar servers includes a fun-filled road trip; visits to MovieWorld and DreamWorld; talks, workshops and activities to learn more about altar serving; Mass; prayer; and a chance to spend time with altar servers from your parish and other parishes. This year the **Conference takes place in Brisbane**, with transport by bus available from Sydney. Register/enquire with Miss Karen Man 0433 765 400, Fr. Danai Penollar 0417 259 617 or by emailing conference@guildofststephen.org.au

**Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 noon  
 Tuesday 7:00 am  
 Wednesday 12 noon  
 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

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

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

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

**The Bible Is Catholic: A free Series by Dr. Robert Tilley.** This course is for those who wish to deepen their reading of Sacred Scripture. It will explore how to read the Bible, the relationship between the Bible and Catholic Tradition, and how a Catholic reading of the Bible changes us. 7-8:30pm **Thursday 10, 17, 24 and 31 October.** Held at The Crypt, St. Patrick's Church Hill (near Wynyard). Admission: Free. Registration essential: **9390 5937** or Elizabeth.arblaster@sydneycatholic.org.

**'Prayer is a living out of our faith'**

'Faith is an expectant openness to God's action in our midst. Now our prayer is linked with the openness we should have, as we look forward to the day "when the Son of Man comes".'

'If the first concern of a lively faith is being alive to God's action in our lives, our prayer should begin and end in recognition that our lives have their real meaning in the unfolding of the plan conceived before all ages in the loving designs of God. This plan - the great virtue of Christian hope assures us - will certainly be realised; and in its realisation, all things will be turned to good.'

'Of course, our personal needs and the concerns of those dear to us should be brought constantly before God in our prayer; but this should be done in the knowledge that these things are part of the plan of God, revealed in all its mercy and generosity in the coming of the Saviour, and realised through a providence that touches every detail of our lives and those who are dear to us. Prayer, Jesus is teaching us, is a living out of our faith; and, at the same time, our faith grows and matures through our life of prayer.'  
 Excerpt from a commentary by Fr John Thornhill sm

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** To you I call; for you shall surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**FIRST READING:** As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage. (2 Kings 5:14-17)

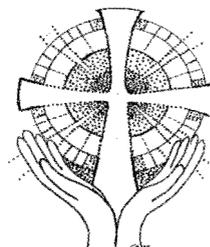
**PSALM: Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth** (Ps 120)

**SECOND READING:** This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** God will set those who cry to him vindicated (Luke 18:1-8)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



**Next Sunday's Readings**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Sirach 35:12-14. 16-19  
 Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23  
 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18  
 Luke 18:9-14