

# 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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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 27, 2013**

I'm sure we all have the experience from time to time when someone we know and like a lot invites us into the deeper part of their story. It could be their experiences of joy, passion, intimacy. It could just as easily be their encounters with suffering, sickness, betrayal, weakness and the ways in which they have dealt with these universal human dramas.

It's as if we are invited in to stand on the sacred ground of the other person, and so we tread with extra care and respect and wait for the signals which will tell us how far to proceed, how long to wait, how to respond.

These encounters don't come along every day as a rule, and when they do it's evident that we need to be alert, responsive and attentive. We are invited into the heart of another's story in a way that hasn't happened before.

These encounters usually don't have time to happen with a quick chat on the phone, a text message or email here and there. These encounters are often enough not spontaneous, but rather have been prepared thoughtfully by the person making the revelation of her or his heart to us.

These encounters are fragile in the beginning and can be disrupted easily if our attention and presence is not in tune with the one opening his or her heart story for us. These encounters when they happen, provide us with an idea of what deeper prayer is meant to be like. In these encounters, the words spoken are simply vehicles and are seldom the main content of the revelation.

In the same way, the words of all our prayers become what they are meant to become when they fade into silence and become a kind of backdrop for the encounter with God that prayer is designed to create. *Fr Kevin Bates sm*

So what is prayer? It is creating that space that allows God to be revealed to us; it is using the persistence of the widow, the humility and honesty of the tax collector and gratefulness that our God desires relationship.

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 Dinner** The Parish Dinner will take place in the evening on Saturday 29th March 2014. Please put this date in your diary.
- **Finance Committee** As part of our Ministry of Stewardship members of the Finance Committee will give a brief report outlining our financial position on all of our Masses next Sunday 3rd of November.
- **Charitable Work Fund Appeal** The 3rd and final Charitable Works Fund for the year will take place next Sunday 3rd November. Should you wish to donate please place on the envelope on the second collection.
- **Bushfire Appeal** our thoughts and our prayers go out to all those at this time who have lost property during the recent bushfires. The St. Vincent de Paul society are currently conducting on appeal. Should you wish to donate please go to the website [www.vinnies.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw](http://www.vinnies.org.au/nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw). If anyone wishes to make a cash donation please see Fr. Alan.

*From the  
Pastor*

# St Vincent's Parents and Friends

present

## Carnival

A fun filled family day in  
the grounds of  
St Vincent's

with

Rides, face painting, cake stalls,  
sausage sizzle, trash and treasure  
stall, raffles and so much more!

When: **Sunday 1 Dec**  
**after 10am Mass.**

### RCIA

Can you child- mind three delightful children for 1 hour on a Sunday morning after 10am Mass whilst their mother attends the RCIA? See Marguerite 0414 566 961

### Carnival Assistance Needed

If you can assist on the day of the carnival in any capacity, helping on a stall, helping to set up or put away please contact Dewi 0401461864

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 than 25 copies to be ordered.

#### 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



### 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**.

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

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

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING:** The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens  
(Sirach 35:12-14. 16-19)

**PSALM:** The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23)

**SECOND READING:** All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me  
(2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** The publican returned to his home justified: the Pharisee did not.  
(Luke 18:9-14)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



#### Next Sunday's Readings

Thirty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

2 Thessalonians 1:11-22

Luke 19:1-10