

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2013



Congratulations On Your First Holy Communion!

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Anita Yang, Jye John Rich, Lily Jones, Skye Sutherland

Some thirty years ago there was a book released called *Why Bad things happen to Good People*. Through all time people have asked this question. The gospel today has Jesus reassuring his apostles about the unspeakable ...the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, wars, plagues and famines. He is preparing them for the bad things that life dishes out. In recent times we have smelt and felt the destruction of bush fires so close to Sydney; the earth quake and tremors that tore people and villages apart in the Philippines and now to compound the suffering the horrendous tornado that has killed, Flattened townships and left thousands starving, homeless and abandoned; and of course the abomination of war in the Middle East and Afghanistan. While we can thank God that we have not directly been involved we can only wonder how one would survive through the confusion, the pain and the displacement? Is God somehow ultimately responsible? If we can thank God for our fortunate life, can we blame him for an unfortunate life! While that is such a huge question, I do know what Jesus said today in the gospel ... Through it all trust me, endure and I will give you life.

With the last communion meeting last week we introduced the idea of the real Jesus...the fully human Jesus who enjoyed and suffered the human condition LIFE with us. He was compassionate, hospitable, loved children, and drew people to him. He performed miracles but the greatest miracle of all is that he totally transformed people with his human touch and his human word. For all this he was scourged and scorned, abandoned by friends, tormented and killed. He also thought in that dark time that God had abandoned him! It is the resurrection that is our hope. We are all children of the resurrection and we live the resurrection daily, fed by Jesus in his body and blood to become his body. We do this in memory of Him who brings hope. He feeds us to be his human touch and his word to be the transformers of the world.
Marguerite Martin

Typhoon Haiyan Aid Response

Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest storms to ever make landfall, has caused widespread devastation in the Philippines and caused significant damage in Vietnam and China. **Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid relief in the Philippines.**

Caritas Australia is responding to the disaster with our partners prioritising emergency shelter, water and sanitation, household relief items (blankets, kitchen items), potable water and toilets. Give generously to the **Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal**. Call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.

ADVENT QUESTIONNAIRE-DECEMBER 1ST

A new liturgical year a new start
At all Masses on December 1, we thought we might try something different and give Parishioners the chance to think about what concerns them- at home, work and life in general As part of the Homily, you will be asked to fill out a simple questionnaire asking for three issues that are of most concern to you.

All anonymous, the results will be collated and a report given back to the Parish on December 15th.

Start thinking about your life as a Sydneysider, parishioner of St. Vincent's Ashfield, as well as those of your family and friends.

What concerns you?

What would you do about it?

SYDNEY ALLIANCE

The Sydney Alliance will be holding a Leaders Assembly on **Wednesday 20th November from 6pm-8pm** at Granville Boys High School, 14 Mary Street Granville.

The purpose of the Assembly is to bring together our partner organizations from across the Sydney Alliance to work out our strategy for the next 18 months. Together we'll discuss and decide which issues will become our city-wide agenda.

Dinner will be supplied during the assembly. Please bring \$10 donation to cover costs. A few people from the parish will be attending. Please see Fr. Alan if you are interested in attending.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CAMP — 22nd - 24th November 2013

Please see the Notice Board in the foyer for contact details

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

Marguerite Martin



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.

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. Any donations of trash or treasure greatly appreciated.

CAKE BOXES...will be available on Sunday 24th November for those who would like to donate cakes to the Cake Stall.

BARGAIN OFFER!!!! All day ride tickets are available at the parish office for \$15 if pre ordered by November 24.

Launch Mass for Catholic Grandparents Association - On Sunday 1 December at 10:30am

His Eminence George Cardinal Pell will officially launch the Catholic Grandparents' Association, Australian Chapter, at St Mary's Cathedral. All Catholic grandparents are invited to attend and encouraged to bring along their grandchildren and families. A light morning tea will follow in the Cathedral Chapter Hall. Inquiries and RSVP can be directed to lmfevents@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5290.

The book "Faith and Struggle on Smokey Mountain: Hope for a Planet in Peril" by Fr Ben Beltran, SVD (Philippines) are still available for sale. Please contact Dina Franks on 0401676210 to arrange delivery.

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE EXPO-FAITH IN ACTION

The Sydney Archdiocese Justice and Peace Office invites you to their very first Social Justice Expo - Faith in Action! This is a fantastic opportunity for young people (15-30) to learn about social justice programs and initiatives they can get involved with.

Meet other passionate young people and be inspired to serve God in the mission for Justice and Peace! It will be held on **Saturday, 30 November** from 10am - 4pm, at the **University of Notre Dame, Sydney Broadway Campus**. Don't miss out to register online at <http://faithinaction2013.org/>. For more information, phone **9390 5935**.

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

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: The sun of righteousness will shine on you. (Malachi 3: 19-20)

PSALM: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 97:5-9)

SECOND READING: Do not give anyone food who refuses to work (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see: your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Your endurance will win you your life (Luke 21:5-19)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord



Next Sunday's Readings

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**
2 Samuel 5:1-3
Ps 121: 1-5
Colossians 1: 12-20
Luke 23:35-43