

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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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time A

January 19, 2014

'What brings faith alive'

'John the Baptist was a man whose life sent a powerful, unambiguous message to those who came across him. If one of us were to stand in the wilderness dressed in animal skins, we might wonder what kind of message we might send. Yet we can see that the way that John lived his life was perfectly suited for being a herald of Jesus Christ. Any attention that John drew was immediately deflected away from himself to the one that he had come to point out. He was an effective signpost to Jesus because he pointed towards him with his whole life, which illuminated the truth that he spoke when he said "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the World."

'The faith that we have, handed down to us from the Apostles, is the most important thing that we have to offer to our world. But if we're not careful, the beliefs that we hold can seem to others as simply a set of words with little or no relevance. What brings our faith alive, and makes it attractive to others, is when those words are lived out in every aspect of our lives. It's then that people can see the great richness that life with Christ holds for all those who seek him.'

- Excerpt from a homily by Fr Robert Gay OP

Sydney Alliance

The next Sydney Alliance 2 Day Training courses are as follows:

Thursday and Friday February 20—21, 2014

Venue: TBA (close to city)

Or

Two consecutive Saturdays February 22 and March 1, 2014

Venue: National Tertiary Education Union
Level 1, 55 Holt Street, Surry Hills

Please go to the Sydney Alliance website to register or see Fr. Alan for further details if you are interested.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2014

19 January 2014 is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The theme is "Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World".

A message from the Holy Father Pope Francis is on the notice board and the text can also be found on the Pontifical Council website www.pcmigrants.org.

Stations of the Cross The second and final set of the Stations of the Cross will now be ready for collection by mid-February. The date of when they will be placed in the Church will be advised in coming weeks.

PROJECTORS

As some people in the parish are aware there has been a lessening in quality of the projectors in the church. Repairs on these will take place in the next couple of weeks.

Counting of the Sunday Collections

People willing to help count our Sunday collections are desperately needed for the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month. Please contact the parish office on 9798 2501 or email Fr. Alan at alan@vinash.org.au. The time commitment on a Monday morning would be from 9am to 11:30am.

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 9th of February (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2'30pm, followed by mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm. Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

For Service at the Altar

A Course of Formation for Acolytes, this course is primarily intended to prepare lay men to be instituted by the Archbishop into the ministry of Acolyte. Prior participation in the formation course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is normally also required. Others involved in ministry at the altar who are not becoming acolytes may also attend. The Course is conducted over three sessions. The venue and dates for the forthcoming course are as follows:

When: Saturday 15th, 22nd and 29th March 2014

Time: 9:30am—1:00pm

Where: All Saints Parish, 48 George Street
Liverpool NSW 2170

Lodge your registration:

Fax: (02) 9390 5825

Email: liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org

Post: Liturgy Office

Level 12, 133 Liverpool Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7 am

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00 am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

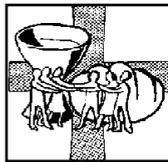
Saturday 9:00am - Rosary after mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am



Formation and Training Workshop for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion

This programme is for those who, with the support of their Parish Priest, are or will soon be assisting as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Sydney. It is also a pre-requisite course for those men who wish to attend the Acolytes training courses,

WHEN: Wednesday 5th, 12th and 19th
February 2014

TIME: 7:00pm—9:00pm

WHERE: All Saints 48 George Street
Liverpool NSW 2170

Required documentation for registration:

1. Endorsement by the Parish Priest
2. Baptism certificate

Registration: Please send the complete Registration Form, Parish Priest's Endorsement and a copy of your Baptism Certificate to: Liturgy Office
Level 12, Polding Centre
133 Liverpool Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Phone no.: 9390 5801

Fax: 9390 5825

Email: liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org

Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 8:00am

Summer Hill Parish Mass: Monday: No Mass

Tuesday 8:30am. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00am

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING: I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6)

PSALM: Here I am Lord; I come to do your will (Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10)

SECOND READING: the grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enable those who accepted him to become the children of God Alleluia!

GOSPEL: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29-34)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



Next Sunday's Readings
Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23