

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2014

Masterchef I am not! but to add flavour to a meal, a little salt is critical. I had made the soup with the freshest vegetables and the best chicken stock but it really had no flavour until just a little salt was added. Not too much, because that would have an adverse effect. Tasteless, bland food might provide the nutrition for life but when food lacks taste and flavour it loses that extra dimension to the eating experience, that joy, that mouth watering experience, that relish for life. The pinch of salt delivered the flavour of the vegetables and the goodness of the chicken to perfection. They all want the recipe!

Jesus, sitting on the hill, says that we are the salt. We are the salt to put the taste and flavour into the Kingdom he has just blown open and revealed in the beatitudes. The beatitudes are the recipe for the kingdom. They are full of the goodness of God. This is not to be the kingdom of the bland but a kingdom where all will want to come and taste. It is a very a clever metaphor for our shared responsibilities in bringing the kingdom to fulfilment today. So how do we salt and flavour the kingdom...let's share some advice from some famous flavourers of the kingdom: St Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the gospel at all times and when needed use words." St Teresa of Avila famously wrote "Christ has no body now but yours..." St Vincent de Paul wrote, "Let us love God, but let it be in the strength of our arm and in the sweat of our brow."

So in Masterchef terms, we take the recipe of the beatitudes, we add a pinch of our selves and deliver the flavour of God.

Marguerite Martin

This Sunday we hear St Paul telling the Corinthians what it is that motivates him to share his faith with them. It is the power of God that drives him. So it is with the catechists that go to Ashfield Primary and Ashfield Boys. It is the power of God in their lives. We thank the catechists from this parish who go to be the face of God to so many of the catholic boys and girls attending the Public schools in Ashfield. Thankyou Mary Hudson, Praneeti Cyril, Tanya Fernandes, Theresa Horvath, John Kinnear, Lorna De Jesus, Fred Succar, and Justin Child. We also thank and salute the ten Yr 11 girls from Bethlehem College who gave their energy and time to assisting in this ministry of our Parish.

Advent Questionnaire a more detailed response to the Advent Questionnaire regarding the three things that concern us most can now be viewed on the parish website. Apologies for the delay. Fr. Alan

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 10th February at 6:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms

Liturgy Meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. This will be in preparation for Lent and the Holy Week Liturgies. All are welcome to attend.

Parish Dinner will take place on Saturday 29th March. More details to follow.

Caná Communities is launching a campaign to recruit volunteers who would be happy to companion people in our community. Should you wish to know more about this particular charity you are invited to attend one of the information sessions. Further information about Caná Communities, dates and times of particular information sessions and contact details are on a separate notice which is on the church noticeboard.

Fr. Alan's absence Fr. Alan will be away on holidays from the parish from Thursday 13th February until Tuesday 4th March 2014. Fr. Jim Maloney will be celebrating masses during the week as well as the 8am and 10am on the Sundays during Fr. Alan's absence. Fr. Roland Maurer from Croydon will be looking after the 6pm masses on Sunday 16th February and Sunday 23rd February. One of the Columban Fathers from Strathfield will celebrate the 6pm mass on Sunday 2nd March.

Counters for Sunday Collections Thank you so much for your response. We have enough people that volunteered for the time being.

The Parish **MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming **Tuesday 11th February at 7:30pm in the Parish House**, this will be the first meeting for the year and any new participants would be most welcome.

This meeting will consist of a short period of light reflection and then discussion on various topics.

Ashfield Charismatic Prayer Group

will resume on Monday 3rd February 2014. They meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel each Monday night from 7:30 to 9:30pm A warm welcome invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us for prayer for your needs and for healing. For more information please contact 0402 718 949.

Holy Communion In Australia standing is the most common posture for receiving Holy Communion. The customary manner of reception is recommended to be followed by all, so that Communion may truly be a sign of unity among those who share in the same table of the Lord. When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive.

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal No 160)

Ashbury Parish Weekday Mass:

Monday to Saturday 8:00am

Summer Hill Parish Mass: Monday: No Mass

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

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7 am

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9:00am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

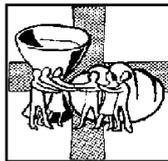
Saturday 9:00am - Rosary after mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 9:00am Sunday 9:00am



Little Sparks Playgroup

St Vincent's School Hall

Thursday's from 9am to 11am

Bring some fruit to share.

Sinead Kent 0420653637

Family Educator St Vincent's School

(More details in the noticeboard)

DRU YOGA CLASSES HAVE

RECOMMENCED— 6:30pm Mondays in the Church Hall. Call Ann on 0419 427 486 for information.

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Where: Club Ashfield Auditorium:

2nd Floor Charlotte St. Ashfield

& St. Vincent's Parish Hall: Bland St., Ashfield

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE PROCESSION: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Your light will shine like the dawn (Isaiah 58:7-10)

PSALM: A light rises in the darkness for the upright (Ps 111:4-9)

SECOND READING: I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: You are the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



Next Sunday's Readings

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15;15-20

Ps 118;1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

1 Corinthians 2;6-10

Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34