

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

July 20, 2014

The Kingdom of God is like...good seed growing along beside dandel; the kingdom of God is like ...a tiny seed that grows into a mighty bush; the kingdom of God is like ... the little bit of yeast that raises the flour to be more than itself. The kingdom of God is confusing! But moreover, the kingdom of God, Jesus says, will never be easy. The kingdom of God is like none of these things and all of these things. The Kingdom of God is the action and reaction of these ordinary things that irritate, sprout and grow to cause change and transformation. The kingdom of God lies in the challenge of transformation.

We do live in a designer world, where we can plan and control most aspects of our life. Really the need for good order reflects on the type of person we are.

What Jesus is advocating is that the Kingdom of God is chaotic and non selective.

In our ordered world we tend to have 'the field of wheat' mentality. We weed out undesirables and problems so they will become invisible in our fields, but in God's field there are no favourites. Wheat and weeds co-exist to point to the kindness, the compassion and the love of God.

As workers in the field we share in God's vision of the kingdom. It is the smallest seed that grows into the mighty tree, and it is the smallest deed that plants the seed of God's love for all.

Marguerite Martin

DATES FOR DIARY

17th August	Club Ashfield Annual Mass at the 10:00 Mass
19th — 20th August	First Reconciliation
16th — 23rd November	First Communion at all

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Cook
(Cecily Ristuccia's sister)

Presentation by Primary School Principal

Mrs. Patricia Williams, Principal of St. Vincent's Primary School will speak at all masses today.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Monday 21st July at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Parish Planned Giving Campaign

The new envelopes are now ready for collection in the Church foyer.

Receipts for donations to the Planned Giving, CWF and Project Compassion for the Financial Year 2013– 2014, are now available at the back of the church.

Many thanks to all those who continue to support the Parish through the weekly planned giving envelope.

Our Reconciliation program has started with meeting the parents and speaking of Relationship. The relationship they hope to have with their children and the relationship they hope to deepen with God. Truly the core of any good relationship is honesty and truth and accepting responsibility of actions. Learning how to say Sorry and meaning it and forgiving those who have made mistakes is often a learnt behaviour. Today the Parish Community offers to support these children and their families with prayer. May the Holy Spirit of Jesus be with you.

Special Information Evening with Francis Sullivan, CEO of the Truth Justice and Healing Council

The parish priest of St. Charles Borromeo, Ryde, Fr. Paul Monkerud has invited parishioners from all over Sydney to a special information evening with Francis Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of the Truth Justice and Healing Council which represents the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Francis will talk about and answer questions on the Royal Commission, leadership in the Church and the contribution of the lay person. The talk and discussion will be held in St. Charles Catholic Primary School Hall, 582 Victoria Road, Ryde at **7:30pm on Thursday, 24**

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7:00am
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 4:00pm 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

DRU YOGA CLASSES RESUMES —

6:30pm Monday 21st July in the Church Hall. Call Ann on 0419 427 486 for information.

Building Bridges: Social Justice Statements from Australia's Catholic Bishops 1988 to 2013

This book published by Australia Catholic Bishops Conference is an invaluable resource for anyone who wants to know about Catholic social teaching and this aspect of the Church's mission in the modern world. Some of the issues covered are: justice for Australia's Indigenous people, refugees and asylum seekers, environment and care for creation and family life. Order via the Australia Catholic Social Justice Council website www.acsjc.org.au or call 02 8306 3499.

The Catholic Parish of St. Joseph's Enfield

invites applications from suitably qualified persons interested in taking on the role of Parish Secretary. This is a part time position working three (3) days per week from 9.30am – 3.30pm. Duties vary in nature, but involve general office administration and financial management duties. Sound knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential, and knowledge of MYOB, and experience with databases would be a definite advantage. An understanding of and commitment of Catholic values and teachings is required.

For a copy of the position description and/or to apply for this position please forward your application and resume to: Parish Priest St. Joseph's Parish c/- parish.advisory@sydneycdf.org.au. Applications close on Friday 29th August, 2014.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: In the place of sin, you give repentance (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19)

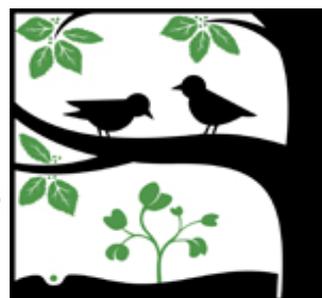
PSALM: Lord, you are good and forgiving (Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16)

SECOND READING: The Spirit himself pleads us in a way that could never be put into words (Romans 8:26-27)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Let them grow together until the harvest (Matthew 13:24-43)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.



Next Sunday's Readings

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time Year A

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130

Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52