

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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

July 27, 2014

This past week, we have all been rocked by the shooting down of the Malaysian Airliner over Ukraine. We have prayed and ached for those who died, for their families and loved ones. We have anguished over the degraded humanity that brought the world to a standstill with one dreadful missile, and we are left wondering where hope might now be found. This past week, the number of innocent people killed in Gaza by the Israeli military has continued to grow. Women and children have been mown down indiscriminately as the Israelis seek to disable the Hamas militants who are reigning violence on people in Israel. In this Holy Land, people on both sides have a claim to the land and both have blood on their hands. Again, we are left wondering where hope can be found. Then there are the millions of refugees who have fled Syria these past three years and who are camped in neighbouring countries such as Jordan, with little hope at this time of a return to their homes. Many continue to die in this cauldron of violence.

This week in Mosul, the city captured by ISIS militia in Iraq, Catholics and other Christians there have been told that they must embrace Islam and pay taxes to the invaders of their city or face death. What hope can there be for them?

There were reports last week of 157 Tamil people being held in the hold of an Australian Customs ship somewhere on the ocean, while lawyers, politicians and judges work out what their future might be. The capacity to hope among these people has surely been extinguished, for the short term at least. In our personal world and in the world around us, hope is most often born through the prism of suffering. Nothing of worth is born it seems without labour, suffering and sacrifice.

God's Kingdom is born out of this degradation, injustice and death. The Cross can never be the end of the story, but is rather the site of our labour and birthing pains as the new life God promises continues to emerge as a joyful refusal to let death have its way with us.

We look at the suffering we cause each other and ourselves as original sin finds so many ways to express itself, and then we are left in pain, despair and bewilderment.

We look then at the faces of our children, our loved ones, our elderly, our fellow believers, and we know again that life is good and full of grace. We see the courage of those who continue to give their lives so that our suffering world might know hope and even joy in living once again.

We feel the prayers and the love of those with whom we share this journey, and with ever deeper faith, at the Saviour's command and formed by teaching that is truly divine, we still dare to say: "Thy Kingdom Come."

Father Kevin Bates sm

Marriage and Family Sunday

Today in the Archdiocese we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday. Marriage and Family Sunday will be an opportunity to pray for marriages and families and to reflect upon the precious gift of a sacramental marriage, in light of Pope Francis' call to rediscover the beauty and value of this gift. A brochure on this theme, "**Why Marry in the Catholic Church?**" highlights the spiritual and practical benefits of the sacrament. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.



BAPTISMS

Saturday, 2nd August 2014

MAY CONWAY COOK
TALYSTA RYLA RECITES

Jonathan Udit will be welcomed into the Church and will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist next Sunday 3rd August at the 10:00am Mass.

Planned Giving Campaign—Cardinal Freeman Village Residents

As many residents from Cardinal Freeman Village were unable to attend the thank you gatherings after each Mass on June 8th, a donation was given to assist paying for the tuning of the organ in Cardinal Freeman Village chapel. Many thanks to the faithful residents of Cardinal Freeman Village for their continued support of the parish.

Cushions covers for Blessed Sacrament Chapel – can you sew?

The Parish Pastoral Council recently had several European style cushions donated for use in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

The Parish is looking for a handful of volunteers to sew covers. All materials will be provided, although access to a sewing machine is required. If you would like to provide a few hours of your time, please call the Parish office on 9798 2501.

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
Masses

**Receipts for donations to the Planned Giving,
CWF & Project Compassion for Financial Year
2013-2014 are available at the back of the church.**

**Many thanks to those who continue to support
the Parish through the weekly planned giving
envelopes.**

Mass for Pregnant Mothers: *Are you
expecting a baby or know someone who is? You
are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for
Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Bishop
Peter A. Comensoli at St. Mary's Cathedral on
Sunday 24th of August at 10:30am. Morning tea
will follow in St. Mary's Cathedral Chapter Hall.
RSVP and enquiries can be directed to
LMevents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9390 5290.*

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

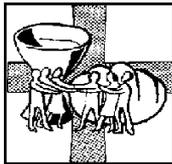
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

'Come Holy Spirit'



**"Healing Mass", Friday 1st
August 2014. St. Therese's
Church, 15 Garrong Road,
Lakemba. Rosary: 7pm,
Reconciliation: 7-8pm, Prayer
and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass: 8pm. Exposition
(after Mass) The celebrant will be Bishop
Terry Brady DD**

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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.

Two Christians who marry have recognized the call of the Lord in their own love story, the vocation to form one flesh and on life from two, male and female. And the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony envelops this love in the grace of God, it roots it in God himself. By this gift, and by the certainty of this call, you can continue on assured; you have nothing to fear; you can face everything together!"

- POPE FRANCIS

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: You have asked for wisdom (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)

PSALM: Lord, I love your commands (Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130)

SECOND READING: He predestined us to become true images of his Son (Romans 8:28-30)

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: He sells everything he owns and buys the field (Matthew 13:44-52)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time Year A**

Isaiah 55:1-3

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21