

# 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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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**August 10, 2014**

Boats, darkness, water, storms, uncharted territory....a recipe for disaster then... and now also. It takes the courageous or desperate to take on these ingredients. For the disciples in the boat their desperation was magnified by the physical absence of Jesus. What had been the arrangement for him to join them in that 'foreign' place, the other side of the sea? Their anxiety levels were indeed magnified when in the darkness, the storm blew up? For some who had been fisherman was this an unusual phenomenon, or was it the uncharted 'other side' without Jesus that triggered the lack of confidence in their mission and their very calling to be followers of him. Were they anxious about delivering the message that they had heard Jesus deliver so many times....you know the one 'Everyone matters, absolutely' in God's world? Maybe this story is about their lack of confidence in their delivery of faith, rather than their loss of faith that called Jesus to come to them. 'Courage!' he asked of them. 'Do not be afraid!' 'It is I.' .... Or may I paraphrase for us today.... I am with you. Maybe I don't call out like Peter "Lord Save me!" because I don't risk stepping out into the deep. Today I believe that Jesus is again calling us all to step out of our rocky boats into the deep as we bring his message of 'Everyone matters, Absolutely' to those others who have shared the boat, darkness, choppy waters and the uncharted territory recipe to face what the disciples most feared. Rejection and disbelief! Let us extend the hand of Jesus to those who fear and say 'I care...you do matter'.

*Marguerite Martin*

## **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 would like to provide a few hours of your time, please call the Parish office on 9798 2501.

**Mass on Wednesday 13th August**  
will take place at **9:00am**  
instead of the usual time of midday.

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\* **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** \*  
\* **Friday 15th August** \*  
\* Masses will be at 9:15am and \*  
\* 6:30pm \*  
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## **CLUB ASHFIELD ANNUAL MASS**

Will take place next Sunday 17th August at 10am. Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady.

Mr. Stephen Kennaugh, Principal of De La Salle Ashfield will introduce himself to the Parish Community after Communion at all Masses on Sunday 17th August.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** will meet in the Parish Meeting Rooms on Monday 18th August at 7:00pm.

## **SEARCHING? ....OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?**

**Are you searching for a sense of belonging, a place of welcome, a sense of community, where there is God and meaning?**

**Have you ever wondered about the Catholic Church and what it teaches? Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?**

**Our parish community invites you to explore with us the place of God in our lives, in and through the Catholic faith.**

**If you are interested, please come along to our Inquiry evening on Tuesday 30 September at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre (12 Bland St Ashfield), or Phone Marguerite on 9798 2501 (Tues to Thurs) or [marguerite@vinash.org.au](mailto:marguerite@vinash.org.au).**

**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.**

The Parish **MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming **Tuesday 12th August at 7:30pm in the Parish House**, 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**

A warm welcome invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us for prayer for your needs and for healing.

We meet at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel each Monday night from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

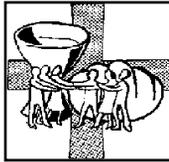
For more information please contact 0402 718 949.

**Parish Website**

A reflection on the life of Archbishop Petero Mataka, former Archbishop of Suva, Fiji is now on the parish website.

**Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 noon  
 Tuesday 7:00am  
 Wednesday 9:00am  
 Thursday 9:00am  
 Friday 9:15am & 6:30pm  
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



Fr. Alan's absences this month:

11th—14th August Clergy Conference  
 24th—29th August Retreat

**DATES FOR DIARY**

17th August Club Ashfield Annual Mass at the 10:00 Mass  
 19th August First Reconciliation  
 21st September St. Vincent's Feast Celebration  
 16th — 23rd November First Communion at all Masses

**Global Day of Prayer for Peace In Iraq**

We are all now aware of the dreadful plight of Christians in Iraq. The Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako, has asked all of us to join in a Global Day of Prayer for Peace in Iraq, and has provided the following prayer.

Lord, the plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening.

Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience, and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope.

Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy  
 Glory be to you forever.

**St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**FIRST READING:** Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13)

**PSALM:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation (Ps 84:9-14)

**SECOND READING:** I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people (Romans 9:1-5)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Command me to come to you over the water (Matthew 14:22-33)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28