

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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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

September 28, 2014

At the moment we are living in a time where we have demonised certain groups. To be a Muslim in Australia must be a fearful proposition. We hear of righteous bigots hanging outside Muslim schools, yelling and calling the students awful things, when the truth is they are just kids who are students of an Australian curriculum and receiving a Religious education that supports their family's faith. There was a time, when it was Catholics and the Catholic education system that was picked out to receive this special type of bigotry.....

I was called a terrorist yesterday, but when I came out of jail, many people embraced me, including my enemies, and that is what I normally tell other people who say those who are struggling for liberation in their country are terrorists. I tell them that I was also a terrorist yesterday, but, today, I am admired by the very people who said I was one.

Nelson Mandela

Things weren't that different in Jesus' time. There was the righteous 'in' crowd who loved pointing at the 'others.' Unfortunately they were the ones that Jesus thought should know better. The Chief priests! He spoke to the layer of hypocrisy attached to this form of righteousness, without compassion. It is not for the people who seem to be doing the right thing but to those who act out the right thing that the kingdom of heaven is for. Jesus understands that it is part of our humanity to fall and also to be proud but stresses it is God's divinity to always recognise, forgive and embrace sincerity of heart and desire to change.

Marguerite Martin

BAPTISMS

Saturday, 4th October 2014

IVY ISABELLA JOY BRITTON

MIA JOSEPHINE GRIMA

ALEXANDER JAMES COOK

SCARLETT MARY ROSE COOK

JONAS DAMON COOK

We congratulate to Sylvia Cantori and Marlet Cruz who very deservedly won the St Vincent's cake Competition! We had 32 beautiful Raffle Prizes but we have two to be claimed with no names on the ticket so empty pockets and purses and search for Red E 58 & Orange D65.

PARISH STAFF: *Fr. Alan Gibson CM*
Carmen Yap

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday today September 28. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Crown for Australia: Striving for the best in our sporting nation'. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, call (02) 8306 3499 or visit the Australian Catholic Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will take place during this Thursday 2nd October at the later time of 10am. This will be followed by morning tea in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

Parish Pastoral Council

The St. Vincent's Parish Pastoral Council is discussing initiating a Pastoral Planning Process which we hope would engage our diverse Ashfield community. The planning process will be developed to connect with all of our parishioners and the many groups and organizations that make up the rich tapestry of parish life of St. Vincent's. We will also reach out to connect with the groups and families in the wider community of Ashfield. The Pastoral Council is committed to guiding the planning process, and we will do our best to communicate and connect with you often about the progress of the planning process and the likely development of a St. Vincent's Pastoral Plan.

To begin our PPC conversation, we reflected on a couple of questions at our meeting this week. We would love to hear your thoughts in response to same questions:

If St. Vincent's Parish is to commence a process to develop a Parish Pastoral Plan, what would you like to see happen? How would you like to be involved? What community or parish groups do you suggest we could engage in conversation with about the ministries and mission of St. Vincent's Parish?

We hope each person will add their voice to this initiative—the richness of our community is in our diversity. We encourage your thoughts on email or by phone. You can connect with Fr. Alan or any member of the Pastoral Council, also we have established an email account stvincentspastoralplan@gmail.com to help communication throughout the process. Thanks and peace to all.

★ **St. Vincent's Feast day** Many thanks to all who were involved which took place in the parish grounds following the mass last Sunday 21st September. The day was a big success thanks to the generosity of many people from both our parish and school communities. On behalf of the parish I would like to acknowledge that their efforts are very much appreciated. ★

Fr Alan ★

Marguerite Martin

DATES FOR DIARY

2nd November 3rd Charitable Works Fund Appeal
16th — 23rd November First Communion at all
Masses

REFUGE (a play about asylum seekers and refugees)

Australia's Refugee Policy has long been a great worry for many people. We present our play **REFUGE** to raise awareness, to voice concerns, to unite in solidarity with refugees & asylum seekers and to refuel campaigns for justice & refugee rights. **REFUGE** will premier at St. Luke's hall in Enmore, October 2-5, for four nights only. The play is interactive: the audience participates and bears witness, rather than observing passively. Six audience members can even put their hand up for a small part: a gatekeeper, a demonstrator, and anonymous detainee, etc. An invitation is extended to stay after the show for informal discussion. *Those who want a small part, please book by phone or email, and turn up half an hour before starting time to be briefed. No acting experience required.*

Booking & inquiries: 9665 6489 or
kineticenergy@iprimus.com.au

National Conference On The Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees—1—3 October 2014. The Fourth National Conference, *Towards a Better World*, will take place at the Australian Catholic University, North Sydney from 1-3 October 2014. The conference theme was chosen from the papal message celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Migrant and Refugee week. Registration forms can be obtained from ACMRO by ringing 02 6201 9848.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
Tuesday 7 am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 10 am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

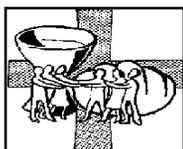
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



First Communion 2014 First Communion will be celebrated in St Vincent's Parish on 16 and 23 November. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. If you would like your child to be part of the program that commences with a Parent Information session on either 7 Oct @7pm or 9 Oct @ 9.15am please return a form ASAP to the Parish Office.

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 NEXT 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.

Those who are interested to buy a copy of "BREAK OPEN THE WORD 2015", a book of Sunday readings with explanation. Please give your name to the Parish Office 9798 2501 not later than **October 27**. Price will be \$21.

DAILY MASS BOOKS FOR 2015

We will be ordering the new Daily Mass Book 2015. The Daily Mass Book contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday Mass. Cost: \$21. To place an order kindly ring Parish Office at 9798 2501 and orders must be received by **Monday 27th October 2014**.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday 5th October. Please don't forget to adjust your clocks one hour forward.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING: The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

PSALM: Remember your mercies, O Lord (Ps 24:4-9)

SECOND READING: In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God (Matthew 21:28-32)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time A

Isaiah 5:1-7

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43