

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A

October 5, 2014

In the readings today we have two stories from the Old and New Testaments along the vinicultural theme. Firstly, the story of the friend's vineyard. The friend had the 'grand design' vineyard, perfect position, fertile soil, and choice vines, and he prepared the tower and the wine press so he could process the fruits of his labour and investment. You can imagine! All the efforts had been made and there would have been great anticipation, with an expectation of excellence for that first glass of produce. Sour Grapes! Is this where the term comes from to describe the results of disappointment? The comparison is made of God's expectation of the people of God. They were given all and yet they still couldn't produce sweet wine.

Matthew's gospel takes this familiar story and adds a twist. All the preparation in the vineyard is now bearing good fruit, but the owner can't be there. The tenants in the vineyard arrogantly won't let him access the good fruits of his vineyard. He sends servants who, not once but twice are murdered, bashed and violently prevented from realising the good harvest for the landowner. Finally the landowner sends his Son. The tenants surmise that the vineyard will now be theirs because when they kill the Son, they break the line of inheritance of the absentee Landlord. Not so. From that moment on there is New Life in the Vineyard.

It is here that the analogy changes from agricultural to structural. We have terms like stone, builders and keystones, and the vineyard becomes the kingdom. For Matthew's new Church, it is a story of encouragement. The Son is gone and is the keystone and they are part of the structure. They are the sweet fruits of the harvest; they are also the new tenants working in the kingdom. We also have the same inheritance. Our task is to continue the work of and bring the fruits to the Father.

Marguerite Martin

Australian Catholic Chinese Community

are celebrating their Diamond Jubilee with a Mass at 3:30pm this Sunday 5th October at 38 Chandos St., Ashfield. Our congratulations goes to the Australian Catholic Chinese Community on reaching this marvellous milestone!!!

Liturgical Reception and Installation for the Most

Reverend Anthony Fisher as the ninth Archbishop of Sydney will take place on Wednesday 12th November 2014 at St. Mary's Cathedral in the evening (time to be advised).

Parish Pastoral Council Member Wanted

Recently a vacancy has emerged on our Parish Pastoral Council. Anyone interested in serving the parish in this way is asked to contact Fr. Alan.

Mass this Monday 6th October 2014 As it is a Public holiday, Mass will take place at **9am** instead of the usual time of midday (12pm).

Mass on Wednesday 8th October 2014

Fr. Alan has other commitments on this day. Mass will take place at **9am** instead of the usual time of midday (12pm).

Finance Report Members of the Parish Finance Committee will present the annual financial report at all Masses next Sunday 12th October. Anyone who wishes to receive a full financial report can do so by contacting the Parish Office.

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.

Altar Servers who have not received a roster for the next quarter (October-December 2014) can collect a copy from the altar server's sacristy.

DATES FOR DIARY

12th October Finance Report
2nd November 3rd Charitable Works Fund Appeal
16th — 23rd November First Communion at all Masses

Miraculous Medal Novena Mass
Saturday October 11th 9:00am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



FIRST COMMUNION

Starts this week ...for the Parents!

Tuesday evening 7.10.14 @7pm

Or

Thursday Morning 9.10.14@ 9.15am

Registration forms at the back of the Church

Plaques for Stations of the Cross and Sanctuary Handrailings and Ramps both have been installed in the body of the Church over the past few days. Thanks goes to Michael Clay for a lot of work and organization in regards to both of these projects.

Prayer for the Synod on the Family (5-19 Oct, 2014)

In answer to the call from our Holy Father, Pope Francis, we pray for all those meeting in Rome for the Synod on the Family. May it be *'a precious treasure to enrich the Church. May the Church undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel.'*

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday 12th October 2014 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood). Commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm, followed by Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3:00pm.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2015 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT \$10 FROM THE CHURCH WARDENS OR FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 9:00am

Tuesday 7 am

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

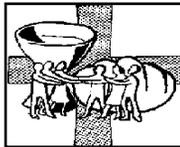
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



Come and See

Inquiry Sessions about our Faith are starting on Sunday 12 October after 10am Mass in the Parish Office.

These are sessions for people who are interested in becoming Catholic.

Maybe you know someone who is interested and needs you to accompany them....Invite them!

All welcome

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 20**. 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 20th October 2014**.

Catholic Mission wishes to thank the parish for its generous response to its recent appeal held last month. \$2,347.20 was raised.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel (Isaiah 5:1-7)

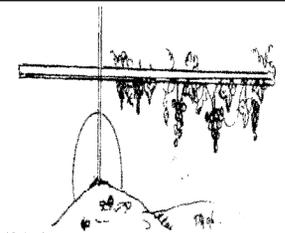
PSALM: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel (Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20)

SECOND READING: Do these things and the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:6-9)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: He leased his vineyard to other farmers (Matthew 21:33-43)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Isaiah 25:6-10

Ps 22

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Matthew 22:1-14