

# 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-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

**October 12, 2014**

I have been heard uttering the statement "I haven't got anything to wear" as I go through my wardrobe...that causes my poor, long suffering husband to roll his eyes to the heavens...so when I have been invited to a wedding, it is a big deal about what to wear?

Today's gospel starts with a comparison of a lavish royal wedding and the kingdom of God. The host, the king is pulling out all the stops....this is to be THE banquet, THE event! Is it an honour or an inconvenience to get an invitation? Do you care about the King or his Son? Yet the story goes that the first invited were not interested, couldn't tear themselves away from work, and in fact were even angry to the point of abuse at the invasion of the king's invitation. They did not want to share in the joy of the king celebrating his Son. They really wanted no part of him. Yet this wedding comparison is just a glimpse of the richness of the Kingdom. If the first chosen couldn't be bothered, the invitation changed and in the second round all are invited. ....yet there is a cost! The invitation is genuine however the acceptance must also be genuine. Do you want to celebrate the son? Or do you just want to greedily partake in the feast? Did you think you could sneak in without making any effort? This king has sought you out and really wants you to be part of his celebration. What to wear.... joyful sincerity at the generosity of God.

*Marguerite Martin*

St Vincent's Community  
Praying Together

As our HSC students  
Prepare for their exam today  
We thank you God  
For their talents and gifts.  
Help them remember all they  
have learned.

Be gracious with what they have  
overlooked.

Calm their nerves and anxiety  
We know this test won't change your  
love for them.

We ask you God to guide their way.  
Holy Spirit journey with them, always.

Amen

St Vincent Pray For Us

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

**Pastoral Plan** Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will speak about the Parish Pastoral Plan at all masses next Sunday 19th October.

**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.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

**Table Talks** The next round of table talks will take place on Sunday 26th October immediately after the 8am Mass in the Parish Meeting Rooms. The time of this meeting will go for 50 minutes. Please see Fr. Alan if you like to attend.

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

**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).

**Come and See**  
**Inquiry Sessions about our Faith** are starting today and each Sunday 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**

The Parish **MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming **Tuesday 14th October at 7:30pm in the Parish House**, any new participants would be most welcome.

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

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**.

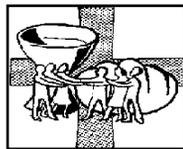


The **Ashfield DLS ex Students & Teachers Association** annual Reunion Dinner is to be held at the college on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, commencing 7pm.

Tickets are \$ 60 all inclusive (meal/ drinks) and can be purchased by ringing the college on 97973200.

#### **Parish Masses this week:**

Monday 12 noon  
 Tuesday 7 am  
 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

### DATES FOR DIARY

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

**Catholic Grandparents Day:** led by Bishop Terry Brady and coinciding with the Synod on the Family in Rome. This is an opportunity for grandparents to draw mutual support from one another as they pass on the faith to their grandchildren. Day begins with Mass and includes reflection for grandparents, catechesis for children, lunch, refreshments and rosary walk pilgrimage.

**When:** Saturday 18 October, 10:00am—3:30pm

**Where:** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre  
 347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale

**Cost:** \$10 per adult, children free  
 9307 8404 or email [LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org)

#### **Volunteers Needed to Work with Students from Refugee Background**

Mercy Connect Sydney - a project of Mercy Works - is seeking volunteers to mentor students from a refugee background in primary and secondary schools, predominantly located in the South, south Western and Western areas of Sydney. Volunteers commit to working with the students for at least half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is an advantage. Retired teachers are encouraged to apply. Training will be provided in February 2015. Please contact Julie at Mercy Connect Sydney 9564 1911, [mensp@mercy.org.au](mailto:mensp@mercy.org.au), [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

**CCD CATECHIST GATHERING** - invitation to all Parish Catechists. Friday 17 October 10am - 1:30pm: "Creative Christmas Catechesis" with Br. Julian Quinlan, lunch "Classroom Management: more teaching, tips and tactics" at St. Joachim's Parish Hall, corner John & Keating Sts., Lidcombe: 4 mins walk from train, large carpark. Please book Monday 13 October at 9390 5122 or [office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

### **Twenty-eight Sunday in Ordinary Time A**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**FIRST READING:** The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek (Isaiah 25:6-10)

**PSALM:** I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Ps 22)

**SECOND READING:** I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Whomsoever you find, invite to the wedding (Matthew 22:1-14)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



#### Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21