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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

October 19, 2014

The render to Caesar what is Caesars and to God what belongs to God is one of those familiar quotes. For many of us it has been a basis to divide Church from State.

Taxation is also as controversial today as it was in Jesus' time. We scream out for politicians to be more accountable with public money, to do what we think are the important things, like good universal health policies, good education, good sustainable energy, yet no one tries to sink a little more money into their taxation than absolutely necessary. When Jesus asked the Pharisees to look at the figurehead on the coin, they all could see the likeness of Caesar. At a time when no 'graven images" where allowed by the Jews, the Roman coin was an enigma; they had to use it to pay their taxes and they had to change it into Jewish coinage to pay at the temple. A 'good, devout" Jew wouldn't be caught with Roman coinage in their pockets, yet it was these tricky Pharisees that were carrying the Roman coin...so they could see what was Caesars!and their taxes were being taken by the foreign invaders.

So where do we see the likeness of God? Hasn't he put his stamp of brilliance on all of creation and didn't he utter 'this is my beloved Child' at our baptism. Don't we collectively reveal the Body of Christ as we splinter out into the world bringing and revealing him where ever we go. This image of the Body of Christ is a call to a collective mentality. As part of this Body I have to care for other parts of the Body so together the Body will flourish and then the likeness of God will be fully revealed in the world.

Marguerite Martin

Welcome to the First Communion Families who today are presenting their children for the preparation program for First Communion. We, the Parish community, promise to pray for you and your child as you enter into this time of preparation to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

DATES FOR DIARY

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

<u>Pastoral Plan</u> Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will speak about the Parish Pastoral Plan at all masses this Sunday 19th October.

<u>Parish Pastoral Council Meeting</u> The next Parish Council Meeting ill take place on Monday 20th October at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

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.

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.

Installation for the Most Reverend Anthony
Fisher OP As previously advised by the Apostolic
Administrator, Bishop Peter A Comensoli, the
Liturgical Reception and Mass of Installation for the
Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP as the ninth
Archbishop of Sydney will take place at St Mary's
Cathedral on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at
7:30pm. Those attending would need to be seated
by 7:00pm. All are welcome.

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Ashfield St. Vincent De Paul Conference

St. Vincent de Paul Ashfield meeting Tuesday 21st October at 7:15pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. New members are welcome.

Come and See

Inquiry Sessions about our Faith will be every 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

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

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 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 14th November, commencing 7pm. Tickets are \$ 60 all inclusive (meal/

drinks) and can be purchased by ringing the college on 97973200.

Sacramental Coordinator Required

St. Martha's Strathfield invites applications from suitably qualified persons interested in taking on the role of Sacramental Coordinator. A part time position working two days per week on Wednesdays and Fridays (negotiable). The role is to serve as an active member of the Parish Pastoral Team and to work closely with the Parish Priest to prepare, implement and manage parish Sacramental Programs. For a copy of the position description contact the parish office by email admin@stmarthas.org.au. Applications close on November 1, 2014.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon Tuesday 7 am Wednesday 12 noon 9:00am Thursday



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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

9:00am Rosary after Mass Saturday

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

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

Artes Christi presents THE JEWELER'S SHOP

The first Feast Day of St. John Paul II is 22 October and to celebrate don't miss *The Jeweler's Shop*, a profoundly beautiful play on human love & marriage written by St. John Paul before he was elected pope. As specifically indicated by St John Paul II, the play will be staged in the unique style of the Polish underground theatre with no sets or props & performed in a recitative style (reading only). SYDNEY: Saturday 25th October 7:30pm, Seymour Centre (Cleveland St Chippendale); PARRAMATTA Sunday 26th October 3pm, Riverside Theatre (Church St., Parramatta). Tickets from \$20, bookings essential, Ph. (02) 9351 7940 (Sydney) or (02) 8839 3399 (Parramatta) or www.theword.org.au.

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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

PSALM: Give the Lord glory and honour (Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10)

SECOND READING: We are mindful of your faith, hope and love (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's. (Matthew 22:15-21)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



Next Sunday's Readings Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Exodus 22:20-26 Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Matthew 22:34-40