

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

October 26, 2014

This week at the Parish Pastoral Council meeting we discussed how do we care for each other, really care for each other. In the light of preparing a beautiful group of children and their families; and sharing with them that together, truly we are the Body of Christ. We are called to reveal Christ to the world and in that awesome idea, we are *the real presence*. Then I came across this wonderful article written by Pat Marrin (*National Catholic Reporter*)

Jesus stands in our midst at every Mass; he is revealed when the word of God is proclaimed and when we commemorate his death in the breaking of the bread and our sharing of the common cup. His sacrifice on the cross set us free to love one another as he loved us. The table of the Lord is laden with gifts meant for all, to be distributed freely by us, his followers, to a hungry, thirsty and struggling world. We complete the greatest commandment of love when we surrender ourselves completely to God and then go forth to share his unconditional love with everyone we meet.

The challenge to love is immediate when we look around us in our churches to ask, who is here today? Who is absent, and why? Where churches reflect racial flight, fear of diversity or other markers for economic and cultural comfort zones, how will we celebrate the full image and likeness of God found in our church and human family? How will we practice the corporal works of mercy or the beatitudes? How will we welcome Jesus the stranger, the prophet, the one who was crucified that we might have life?

Pat Marrin

**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**

**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.

**Communion Service** will take place instead of the mass on Wednesday 29th October at 12pm.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Charitable Work Fund Appeal** will take place next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at all Masses.

**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.

### 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

### **DATES FOR DIARY**

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

The 6pm Choir is having a

## Halloween Party

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November

6pm to 10pm

you are welcome to join us

**BYO Food and Drink and a Halloween**

**decoration** to hang up we are setting up from 4pm or you can drop it off at the parish house...

**Dress code** your special

Halloween costume



**Transport** There is a lady who lives in Knocklayde St who requires a lift to Mass and back either 10am or 6pm. If anyone can do this can you please let the office know!

### Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7 am

Wednesday 12 noon

Communion Service

Thursday 9:00am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

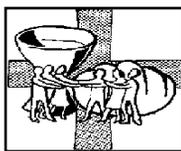
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



### 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](mailto:admin@stmarthas.org.au). Applications close on November 1, 2014.

### Sign Language classes for the Catholic Community

The Ephpheta Centre, the Catholic Centre for the Deaf in the Archdiocese of Sydney will be providing signed language classes for people interested in developing skills in sign language to enhance their pastoral abilities. Learning signed language may lead to work as a sign language interpreter, enhance one's ability to work in welfare related positions and support a person's existing pastoral contribution to their community, parish or diocese. Ephpheta is seeking Catholic religious people as well as lay people who might be interested in joining this course. The classes will be quite informal but taught by some of the most competent teachers in Sydney, fellow students will be priests working with the Deaf Community of Sydney and seminarians from Sydney Archdiocese. The cost of the course will be a small donation according to individual's capacity and classes will be held in a central location in the Sydney Archdiocese. Places are limited and classes will begin very soon. Please contact Nicole Clark on (02) 9708 1396/0438 201 707 or email [Nicole@ephpheta.org.au](mailto:Nicole@ephpheta.org.au) for more information.

In our time poor world, prayer and Christian meditation can be something of a luxury. However with the technology that most of us have may we suggest a couple of sites that can be easily accessed even on the train to or from work.

[www.zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org) [www.eurekastreet.com.au](http://www.eurekastreet.com.au) and for prayer [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie).

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Let the hearts seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**FIRST READING:** If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you (Exodus 22:20-26)

**PSALM:** I love you, Lord, my strength (Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51)

**SECOND READING:** You turned away from idols to serve God and await for his Son (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5-10)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:34-40)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**LOVE GOD**  
**LOVE PEOPLE**  
**DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT**

#### Next Sunday's Readings

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

Isaiah 25:6-9

Ps 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14

Romans 5:5-11

Matthew 11:25-30