

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed November 2, 2014

"With all my reservations," Gough Whitlam said on his 80th birthday, "I do admit I seem eternal." He warned, however: "Dying will happen sometime. As you know, I plan for the ages, not just for this life."

They say there are only two things that we can be assured of in life: taxes and death! In every generation, as mortality is contemplated, the question is asked....have I made my mark in this world and will they remember me.

In travels through Europe I visited so many of the great landmarks of the world to be fascinated by the fact they are built by the rich and powerful as memorials to themselves. They longed to be remembered! Then we look to our own Saints, many have forsaken money and power in this life to work in building not monuments to self but God's kingdom. Their memorial is how we share their stories with affection and turn to them in our times of need as our friends. St Vincent de Paul: Pray for Us In our own families and friends we have those who need no great monuments, for we remember them and form part of that monument of love that they and those before them sowed. This weekend we remember those who have left this life that we know to be born into that other...the eternal life.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen For ourselves we rely on Jesus' words, "He has prepared a place for us", and what do we have to do? Come to him, lean on him and rest, be energised to be gentle and humble of heart and go to meet all in the Spirit of Christ.

Marguerite Martin

As we meet Jesus in the Word at the Gospel today may we all recite Jesus may your words be

- ✦ In my mind
- ✦ On my lips and
- ✦ In my heart

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

DATES FOR DIARY

16th — 23rd November First Communion at all Masses

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF)

PASTORAL APPEAL. The Appeal is being held this weekend. The CWF is the main charity of the Sydney Archdiocese and funds the good works of the six agencies **CatholicCare's** social welfare and training programs benefits the community's most vulnerable; **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry** supports our Aboriginal brothers and sisters develop and strengthen their Catholic identity; **Ephpheta Centre** advocates for the needs of the deaf and hard of hearing; **Confraternity of Christian Doctrine** teaches the faith to public primary school children; our **Chaplaincies** provide hope and comfort in our hospitals, universities and aged care facilities; our **Seminaries** train our future Priests. There are many good reasons why the CWF deserves our full support, so please give generously. Thank you.



Miraculous Medal Novena Mass

Saturday November 8th 9:00am

Mass Miraculous Medal Novena

Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

Parish Pastoral Plan

Thank you very much to those parishioners who wrote responses to the questions about our parish at our Masses two weeks. The responses were collated last Tuesday night and will be communicated in the next couple of weeks.

Fr. Alan

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.

Sydney Alliance The next two day training for Sydney Alliance will take place on Thursday 6th November and Friday 7th November. The venue is in NSW Nurses and Midwives Association, 50 O'Dea Avenue, Waterloo NSW 2017. Please contact Fr. Alan should you wish to attend.

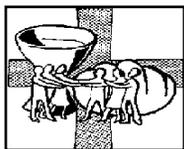


The Ashfield DLS ex Students & Teachers Association annual Reunion Dinner is to be held at the college on Friday 14th November, commencing 7pm. Tickets are \$ 60 all inclusive (meal/drinks) and can be purchased by ringing the college on 97973200.

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 for more information.

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

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

"REDEEM" Daily Advents and Christmas Reflections 2014 now available at \$4.00 and COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2015 also available at \$10 from the Church Wardens or from the Parish Office.

Choir Festival at Scots Church, Margaret St., Sydney (near Wynyard Station) 2pm, Saturday 22nd November 2014

Hear a range of Sydney's choirs performing a variety of sacred works. Green Square Singers, Sydney Zimbabwean Choir, Caecilien Chor Croydon (German Catholic Church Choir), St. Vincent's Ashfield 6pm Choir, Scots' Church Contemporary Service Group, Guest Artist Kenny Lee, Pianita and Joshua Grantham, Treble. Light refreshments after first half program. Gold coin donation (for Early Bird Café). Enquiries Anne Grantham, Event Organizer 9745 2312 or 0430 095 248.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

FIRST READING: The Lord God will destroy death for ever. (Isaiah 25:6-9)

PSALM: The Lord is my light and my salvation (Ps 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14)

SECOND READING: Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him (Romans 5:5-11)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to mere children (Matthew 11:25-30)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.



Next Sunday's Readings

The Dedication of the Lutheran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

John 2:13-22