

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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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2014

It is always hard to explain to children that we are Church. Church is a building. For them it is like saying we are shops, or we are house and everyone knows that is silly!

In today's gospel Jesus introduced this confusing concept to the people of the Great Temple in Jerusalem. For the Jews, this is where the Holy of Holies is, in the Sanctuary. It is here and only here that God lives. Jesus referred to himself as the sanctuary that was to be destroyed and to be raised in three days...and that is only after it took 46 years to build! Like much of what Jesus said the true meaning of this became so clear after his death and resurrection.

The early Christians really were Church as they had no place to meet that was safe. Where they gathered was Church. It was only after the Roman Emperor Constantine became Christian that the first Church of Rome, the Basilica of St John Lateran was built in 324AD and it is still today the cathedral for the Bishop of Rome, the Pope.

So today we celebrate that Church, our Church and us as Church gathered. Just as the presence of God in the sanctuary of the Jewish temple made it holy, so the presence of the Holy Spirit who lives in us makes us, the new 'temples', holy. We live within the new 'temple' constituted by the body of the Risen Lord, the sanctuary, destroyed and raised in three days.

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!

DATES FOR DIARY

16th — 23rd November First Communion
at all Masses

10th December — Thank You Party

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, the 12th of November 2014** at 7:30pm. Those attending would need to be seated by 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Thank You !!!

Thank You Party All parishioners are invited to a 'thank you party' at the Parish Office on Wednesday, 10th December at 7pm.

The Parish **MEN'S GROUP** will meet this coming **Tuesday 11th November at 7:30pm in the Parish House**, any new participants would be most welcome.



First Holy Communion

Children from our parish will receive their First Holy Communion at all masses on Sunday 16th November and Sunday 23rd November.

Pastoral Students at St Vincent's

Ashfield in 2013 Please keep in your prayers Romano Pesira from the Solomon Islands and Sowani (Lino) Raivuni from Fiji who made their Final Vows to the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Fathers and Brothers) last Friday week 31st October 2014 at Wailoku, Fiji. Both Romano and Lino spent three months here at St Vincent's Ashfield doing their pastoral placement in the second half of last year.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on **Monday, 17th November at 7.00pm** in the Parish Meeting rooms.



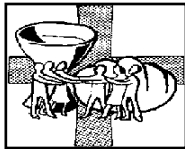
The Ashfield DLS ex Students & Teachers Association annual Reunion Dinner is to be held at the college on Friday 14th November, commencing 7pm. Tickets are \$ 60 all inclusive (meal/drinks) and can be purchased by ringing the college on 97973200.

You are invited to a morning of quiet reflection at the Grail Centre, 22 McHatton St, North Sydney, on **Tuesday 18th November from 10am to 12 noon**. The last in this year's series on writings of Christian women mystics, this next gathering will reflect on some of **Simone Weil's** thoughts on attention in prayer. Weil is often considered to be a most unorthodox but nonetheless Christian mystic. There will be time for silent meditation and the opportunity to share thoughts in a group. We ask for a small donation to cover costs. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Tricia Gemmell (pgemmell@tpg.com.au) or ruthcrowe@ozemail.com.au or the Grail Centre (9955 3053)

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 ★ **Christmas Reflections 2014 are now** ★
 ★ **available at \$4.00 and COLUMBAN** ★
 ★ **CALENDARS 2015 also available at** ★
 ★ **\$10 from the Church Wardens or** ★
 ★ **from the Parish Office.** ★
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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



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) PASTORAL APPEAL. Our warmest thanks go to each and every one of you for your generous contributions to the appeal last weekend. The charitable and pastoral works we need to carry out ask for our Sydney parishes' unwavering commitment, but we know that our burdens are lightened and we are able to accomplish many things because of your support. Thank you, and God bless you.

ST PATRICK'S, SUTHERLAND. Everyone is welcome to an address by the CEO of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council to hear the latest on the Royal Commission into Institutionalised Child Sexual Abuse. Francis can update you on what has been heard so far and future hearings of the Commission as the Catholic Church's response and plans for the future. Join Francis Sullivan and Fr John Knight at St Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall, Sutherland at 7.00pm on **18 November 2014**. More information at info@stpatssutherland.org.au.

Youth Leaders' Formation Course - Are you aged 18-30? Are you looking for the next step? Are you willing to take a leap of faith? From **24 November to 22 December 2014** the 8th *Youth Leaders' Formation Course* (YLFC) will be held by the Archdiocese of Sydney out at the **Benedict XVI Retreat Centre**. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20 young adults to live in community while being immersed in a transformative spiritual, pastoral and intellectual life. The YLFC includes over thirty presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach and life changing friendships! See the promo videos and find out more at www.catholicyouthservices.org/ylfc or email ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.
FIRST READING: I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved (Ezekiel 14:12, 8-9, 12)
PSALM: The waters of the river gladden the city of God (Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9)
SECOND READING: You are the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17)
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen an sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!
GOSPEL: He spoke about the temple of his own body (John 2:13-22)
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.



Next Sunday's Readings
 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Proverbs 31:10-13, 1-20, 30-31
 Ps 127:1-5
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
 Matthew 25:14-30