

# 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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Parish Office Hours: 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014

Comedy lists have become popular. I heard one such list on a radio station through the week, the top 10 Australian under achievers. This list included promising tennis players who hadn't won Australian opens, cricketers who had never got centuries, Olympians who didn't get medals. It was a sadistic and sneering comment from comedians who obviously should have put themselves on the same list as non-achieving comedians. Was this an example of cutting down tall poppies? It demonstrated an attitude that prevails in our society towards people rising out from mediocrity by using and developing their talents. The insecure psyche behind such an attitude is, be one of the crowd, be the same and do not stand out by revealing talent that will leave the place you are in a better place for you having been there.

It is a wonderful realisation of our purpose to know that God has trusted all of us with talents, *each in proportion to our ability*. In that small line from today's gospel, we have our uniqueness. Not all are given extravagant and heralded talent but never the less we are given talents. We can't all be musicians, artists and actors, but for each of these an audience is needed and maybe the talent of appreciation of the other is your talent. Maybe we have the 'little' talent of patience and generosity of time that can bring so much comfort to the young and old and the many in between. This is our uniqueness and together when we bring all these together in the name of the kingdom we form the Body of Christ in the world. We are to use our talents for the betterment of each other, to bring about the kingdom of God. *Marguerite Martin*

### Thank You Party

All parishioners are invited to a "thank you party" at the parish office on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm.

### St. Vincent De Paul Society ,Ashfield

Conference meeting on 18.11.14 at 7.15pm, new members are welcome to come and join

### Mass on Wednesday 19th November 2014:

Will take place at 9am instead of the usual time of **midday**.

### DATES FOR DIARY

**23rd November First Communion at all Masses**  
**10th December — Thank You Party**

## Congratulations On Your First Holy Communion

10am

*Christian Sukkar, Jayden Matos,  
Freya Neubronner, Joseph Yi,  
Seamus Neubronner,  
Leandro Guajardo, Luke Ters,  
Leila Abraham, Luissa Legarte,  
Sophia Albao*

6pm

*Alexander Hodgson*

The Body of Christ in Ashfield welcome you and offer you their love, support and prayers

**Overseas Volunteering!** Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that has been sending volunteers to developing countries for 50+ years. We have recently received numerous urgent requests from communities in Timor Leste, Kiribati, Kenya and India for skilled professionals, such as teachers, accountants, doctors, etc. **Want to know more?** We are holding an information session on **Sunday 30 November 2014 at 10.30-11.30am at Aquinas Academy** (141 Harrington Street, The Rocks NSW 2000). Please RSVP before 27 Nov to joey@palms.org.au or call (02) 9518 9551. Look forward to seeing you there!

### First Holy Communion

18 more Children from our parish will receive their First Holy Communion at 10am and 6pm masses next Sunday 23rd November.

### 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*

## Notre Dame Applications Still Open

Applications for the University of Notre Dame Australia are still open!

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## An Evening of Carols

The 6:00pm Choir invites you to join us in song and getting in the spirit of Christmas



**FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER  
at 7:30pm**

### Parish Pastoral Council

Will meet on Monday 17th November at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting rooms

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

Monday 12 noon  
Tuesday 7 am  
Wednesday 9.00 am  
Thursday 9:00am

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

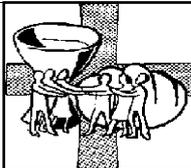
Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am  
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

#### **Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



## **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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> *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](http://www.catholicyouthservices.org/ylfc) or email [ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org](mailto:ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org).

#### Want to learn Italian?

Teacher of Italian Language in Italy has recently arrived in Australia and is currently residing in Ashfield. Services are being offered to anyone who would like to be tutored in learning Italian. Please see notice board in Church foyer for Details.

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

## **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**FIRST READING:** Give her a share in what she has worked for (Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31)

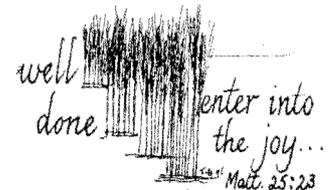
**PSALM:** Happy are those who fear the Lord (Ps 127:1-5)

**SECOND READING:** The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord (Mathew 25:14-30)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.



well done, enter into the joy...  
Matt. 25:23

#### Next Sunday's Readings

**Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46