

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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time B

January 25, 2015

Immediately following our celebration of Christmas and The Epiphany we have had two weeks of reading that have emphasised **the call**. The word **call** is Louder than the word said and it imparts a demand to hear and ...to respond. In these last two weeks we have gospels describing the call of the Andrew and Simon Peter, James and John. In John's gospel, the response of the apostles was they were drawn to see where Jesus lived or what it was that made him tick that sealed the call; this week in Mark's gospel, the call and the response is so complete the apostles from Lake Galilee just pick up and follow him.

The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News. Mark writes that this was Jesus message as he walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. It was a message of conversion, of change of heart, to believe in future possibilities, to enter into the reign of God and then spread it. The Christian message is firstly a constant call to personal conversion, and secondly a constant call to community. The charisma of Jesus,



combined with his authority to call these apostles from their lucrative fishing business', from their families and

homes, to follow him, demonstrates for us the attractiveness of what Jesus offers. The disciples undergo conversion and take up a whole new way of life. Better than New Year resolutions, listen to your call and reveal the hope of the kingdom.

Marguerite Martin

Lenten Discussion Groups will be starting in the First Week of Lent! Fr Alan will be leading a small group on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Meeting Rooms starting 19 February. If you would like to join this group or be in another group please indicate on the sheets on the notice boards at the back of the church or ring the Parish Office so enough resources can be obtained.

Foundation Day...Sunday 25th January represents the anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Fathers and Brothers).

Mass on Monday 26th January will take place at **9:00am** instead of the usual time of midday.

Liturgy Group Meetings A liturgy meeting to prepare the Season of Lent and commence planning for the rest of the year, will take place on **Wednesday 28th January at 7:00pm** in the Parish Meeting Rooms. All Parishioners either currently involved in or are interested in Liturgy are invited to attend. Any parishioner or parish groups wishing to make either announcements or presentations are especially requested to attend this meeting.

ANOINTING MASS THURSDAY 29th JANUARY at 10:00am followed by morning tea. There will be no 9:00am Mass on this day.

Catechist Sunday will take place on Sunday 1st February. New volunteers are needed to take on this important ministry to our children in our State schools. Any one considering taking on this ministry are asked to contact either Marguerite or Fr. Alan at the Parish Office.

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN Two groups in the parish have met to further discuss the Parish Pastoral Plan. These took place last week and proved to be most helpful in advancing the process of the Parish Pastoral Plan. Further dates and times for future discussion groups will be advertised in the parish bulletin over the next few weeks. Parishioners interested in joining a discussion group are asked to put their name down on the list located in the Church foyer.

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history, with all its struggle in adversity, its courage and hope, give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



FREE SPIRITUAL GYM MEMBERSHIP!!

Maybe your New Year Resolution was to deepen your faith. So often we want to firm the flabbiness on the outside when the flabbiness inside is what counts!

Need some help? Our RCIA group meet most Sundays after the 10am Mass in the Parish House 12 Bland St (Over the road), for some it could lead to baptism, for others a deepening of faith that we can celebrate this Easter or beyond. All are welcome! Turn up or call Marguerite 0414566961.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 9 am
Tuesday 7 am
Wednesday 12 noon
Thursday 10 am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

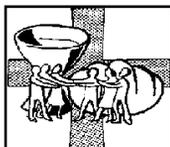
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 4th February at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL BREKKIE VAN

We are taking out the SVde P Brekkie Van on Saturday January 31st. **Can you assist** with donations of long-life milk, juice, cake bars, biscuits and toiletries?

These will be collected in the basket in the foyer of the church. Closer to the date we will ask for donations of bacon, eggs, bread and fruit. Thank you in advance and confident of your generosity. Sinéad (sinead.kent@syd.catholic.edu.au)

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Training Workshop for Readers at Mass

The next session will be held at St. Jerome's Parish Punchbowl on two consecutive Saturdays 7 & 14 February 2015. Time 9:30am—12pm. **Registration is essential**: forms and further details are available on the Liturgy Office website www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org.

Synod Family Survey Just a reminder the 2015 Synod family survey is open to all parishioners. This second survey comprises 30 questions for the consideration and response of the faithful. This can be done electronically at www.sydneycatholic.org/survey/2015 or by hard copy to the Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Level 11, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000. All **responses to be received by COB 2 February 2015** so that they can be consolidated and sent to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference before they are sent on to the Synod Secretariat in Rome.

Sara's Place Sara's Place offers care, support and love to women needing support in pregnancy or those who may be grieving after an abortion. Services are free, compassionate and non-judgmental, and no Medicare is required. Call or drop into the centre anytime Monday to Friday, from 9.30 am to 4.15 pm. Sara's Place is located at 135 Devonshire St, Surry Hills (5 minute walk from Central Station). Telephone 9699 8190, email pregnantalternatives@gmail.com or visit www.sarasplace.org.au.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING: The Ninevites renounced their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10)

PSALM: Teach me your ways, O Lord (Ps 24:4-9)

SECOND READING: The world as we know it is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Repent, and believe the Good News (Mark 1:14-20)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28