

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

February 1, 2015

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land.
May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

The image of the unclean spirit, although posing problems for the sensitivities and intelligence of today's world, was a way to describe anything that was not mainstream and normal. Unclean was to be avoided and feared. Jesus spoke with authority to destroy what was feared. He had authority over all evil.

For Christians today, it is our call to speak with the same authority when evil is presented. We live in an era when barbaric acts of murder, torture and cruelty are in the news pinpointing one particular group as evil, but the most barbaric act of all is pointing the finger at a group rather than listening to their story. We can isolate and cause great harm when people are classified not as individuals with a story but as a group and put on a shelf or preferably over there

A time comes when silence is betrayal
Martin Luther King Jr

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth.

Through violence you murder the hater, but you do not murder hate.

In fact, violence merely increases hate.... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence,

adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

This Sunday we celebrate our Parish Catechists. Mary Hudson, Praneeti Cyril, Tania Fernandes, Theresa Horvath, Marguerite Martin, John Kinnear and Lorna De Jesus

They go out to our local schools as the "Face of Catholics in Ashfield"

Pope Francis salutes catechists. "Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others... this preaching/teaching, which is always respectful and gentle... the first step is personal dialogue. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God's word." (Evangelii Gaudium 128)

The Face of God needs a lift. Please can you share some time either as a catechist assistant or a relief catechist in the two schools we visit; Ashfield Public every Wednesday during term time between 1.50 and 2.30 pm and Ashfield Boys High every fortnight on Thursday from Midday to 12.40pm.

Recognising the young ones as loved by God, sharing and listening to their stories and bringing the curriculum lessons to them is what we are called to do.

Please consider this rewarding ministry of love. See Father or Marguerite.

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

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.

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.

PARISH STAFF: Fr. Alan Gibson CM
Carmen Yap

Marguerite Martin

EASTER LITURGIES The Liturgy Committee met last Wednesday evening.

The times of the Easter liturgies are as follows:

Tuesday 24th March at 7pm

Thursday 2nd April (Holy Thursday) at 7pm

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at 10am

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) at 3pm

Saturday 4th April (Holy Saturday) at 7pm

Sunday 5th April (Sunday) 8am, 10am, 6pm

Communal Rite of Reconciliation

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Stations of the Cross (Church and Park)

The Passion of the Lord

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

Ashfield Charismatic Group The Ashfield Prayer Group will start its regular meetings for 2015 on Monday 2nd February. The Group is extending a warm invitation to the parishioners of St. Vincent's to join us for prayers on Monday evenings at 7:30pm. For enquiries, please call 0402 718 949

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.

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7 am

Wednesday 12 noon

Thursday 9 am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

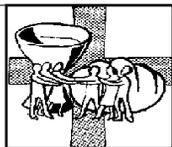
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



YOGA CLASSES resume on Monday 2nd February 2015 in the Church hall. Suitable for all ages. Beginners are welcome. Call Ann at 0419 427 486 for details.

LEARN TO DANCE....

We teach a range of Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop & Modern Dance to suit all ages from 3 years to adults & all levels of dance.

BEGINNERS MOST WELCOME!

Term Commencing: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th
February 2015

Time: Classes Tues + Wednesday from 3.45pm

Where: Club Ashfield Auditorium:

2nd Floor Charlotte St. Ashfield

& St. Vincent's Parish Hall: Bland St., Ashfield

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

PSALM: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9)

SECOND READING: The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy (1 Corinthians 7:32-35)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: This is new kind of teaching that speaks with authority (Mark 1:21-28)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time B**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Ps 146:1-6

**1 Corinthians 9:16-19,
22-23**

Mark 1:29-39