

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**February 8, 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.

“What have I done to deserve this?”

So often in times of grief and disappointment this is our cry....not so different to Job's anguish. Job feels that life, real life has left him and he is just biding time. It makes me wonder at the spark that real life is. It is hope and purpose rather than mere existence. Job goes on in his moans and complaints to question God's purpose with him. The book of Job is that indulgent misery that looks to blame misfortune as divine punishment...a common understanding of the Old Testament.

'I don't believe in an interventionist God' the words of a Nick Cave song of some years ago. And yet in the Gospel of Mark today we see God's huge intervention into humanity in Jesus. Jesus restored people by casting out their demons, curing disease and especially following Peter's request, healing and restoring purpose to the fevered Mother-in-law. It is the first of a typical day with Jesus. He listens to the Word of God, then he worships with his community; he relaxes in the home of a friend; he pursues his work of healing and preaching and, before dawn he withdraws to pray, to communicate with his Father. So often we hear of the healthy work/life balance but Jesus places something else in there...relationship with the Father. It is from this that Jesus can continue to bring the kingdom of hope.

For ourselves it is all too easy to wallow in self pity like Job or do we grasp life like Peter's Mother-in-law grasped Jesus' hand and turn to serve others.

*Marguerite Martin*

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

will meet in the Parish Office  
on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

**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

**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.

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Fr. Peter Hien CM  
Gabrielle Ivy Clair  
(mother of Majo Mitchell)

## **CATECHIST SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

Thank you very much to Lorna de Jesus and John Kinnear for speaking at all masses last Sunday for Catechist Sunday. Both **catechists** and assistant catechists are **still required** for both our state primary and high schools. Training and ongoing support will be provided. This a great need at present in our parish for parishioners to come forward and volunteer in this way. It also represents a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the lives of young people. For those who are available during the day on either a Wednesday (Primary School) or a Thursday (High School) during the school terms please consider this very important ministry. Please either see Fr. Alan, Marguerite or contact the parish office if you would like to help in this way. **Fr. Alan**

**Parish Men's Group** will reconvene for 2015 at 7:30pm Tuesday night (February 10th) in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome.



## **Miraculous Medal Novena Mass** **Saturday February 14th 9:00am**

**Mass** Miraculous Medal Novena  
Prayers will be recited within the Mass.

**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.

**EASTER LITURGIES** The Liturgy Committee met last Wednesday evening.

The times of the Easter liturgies are as follows:

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| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March at 7pm                 | Communal Rite of Reconciliation         |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (Holy Thursday) at 7pm | Mass of the Lord's Supper               |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday ) at 10am   | Stations of the Cross (Church and Park) |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday) at 3pm     | The Passion of the Lord                 |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April (Holy Saturday) at 7pm | Easter Vigil                            |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April (Sunday) 8am, 10am, 6pm  | Easter Sunday                           |

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL BREKKI VAN**

Our Brekki Van last Saturday was most successful. We had a fantastic time with our less fortunate friends and your gifts of food, toiletries and cash donations were terrifically received. It is the most humbling experience to serve in the name of St Vincent. We are so lucky to be living and working in such a 'gift' of a Parish.

Many thanks again for your generosity.

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**St Bakhita Centre for Sudanese Refugees,**

2 Hornsey Rd, Flemington (Homebush West) is again in need of volunteers. Hours are 9.30 – 12.45 Tuesday to Friday; or 5.30pm – 8:00pm (approx.) on Thursday evening. Volunteers usually volunteer for one session only. We are urgently in need of:

1. English Teachers for English as a second language
2. Sewing Teacher Thursday morning
3. Child Minders for each morning
4. Early Education Teachers or Pre-School Trained Volunteers Thursday and Friday mornings
5. Anyone who can assist with Basic Computer Skills
6. Support for courses in Business and Community Service/Driving Theory/Citizenship

If you can assist, please contact Sr Maria Sullivan on 0408 615 671 or mariasull@bigpond.com

**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

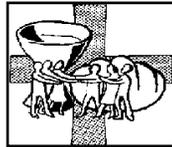
Time: Classes Tues + Wednesday from 3.45pm  
Where: Club Ashfield Auditorium & St. Vincent's Parish Hall: Bland St., Ashfield

**JOAN CARMODY School of Dancing**

For more information call Joan Carmody call 9583 9772 or 0419 619 177  
joancarmodymoance@yahoo.com.au

**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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**FIRST READING:** I am filled with sorrow all day long (Job 7:1-4, 6-7)

**PSALM:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted (Ps 146:1-6)

**SECOND READING:** Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another (Mark 1:29-39)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.



**Next Sunday's Readings  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time B**

- Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
- Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11
- 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
- Mark 1:40-45