

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield



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**First Sunday of Lent**

**February 22, 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.

Lent is upon us. It is a time to reconnect with our God's purpose for us. **Turn away from Sin and Be Faithful to the Gospel**. This always sounds such a bleak and lonely journey but not necessarily so.

Sin is very apparent in our world in subtle and in unsubtle ways. Some of us can point fingers at groups and people, brand them sinners and cast dispersions upon their different beliefs and different faith. In our hearts we wish them ill. So much of this is without looking deeply into what it is in own christianity and catholicity that instructs us how to live. In a world were revolutions and coups are causing much blood shed, disruption and chaos, we must remember to be loyal and true to the Jesus revolution, that has rippled through the centuries to us to keep alive in 2015. This was the revolution that the only blood lost was his, the last and perfect bloodshed. His revolution was not one of hate and revenge but one of love for all, even the people, those others, who don't look like me, sound like me, don't act or think like me.

Christianity is not a religion of apathy, so though we don't bear arms our weapon is the deep conviction to love, not to hate and condemn. Jesus lived in a time where life was cheap, he lived with invading forces that imposed upon the people, and he lived with a struggling, corrupt and authoritarian system of belief. Jesus used the lenses of love to view his world. This is the only way to combat injustice, determined forces of love that doggedly reach out for what is right. Today we can hear that the action of God who drove Jesus into the wilderness where he was tempted by the Devil. It was the Angels who looked after him.

As we turn to focus on involving ourselves in Gods purpose, look to the angels. These are the people who bring you Gods hope .....and love. *Marguerite Martin*

**You are chosen to be HOPE**



## **CATECHISTS FOR SCHOOL FOR 2015**

Both catechists and assistant catechists are still required for both our state primary and high schools. Training and ongoing support will be provided. This is 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**

## **SACRISTAN REQUIRED**

A sacristan is needed for the weekday masses. The role involves setting for masses on the weekday for Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and cleaning up afterwards. No previous experience necessary. Training will be provided. Please either see or contact Fr. Alan if you are able to help.

## **ON THE BLOCK OPEN DAY**

St Vincent's Primary School, Bethlehem College and De La Salle College are all having their Open Day on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>. St Vincent's Open Day is from 2-4pm whist both Bethlehem and De La Salle Colleges is from 3pm - 7pm. In seeking to continue the connections between the schools and the parish, the parish will have some involvement on this day. Therefore the Church will be open from 2pm - 7pm on this day. At the moment I am looking for parishioners who would be willing to give one hour of their time anytime from 2pm - 7pm to be in the Church and welcome visitors as they come through. Please either contact or see me personally should you be able to help.

**Fr. Alan**

**Confirmation** Program first meeting will be on either 12 March or 18 March in the Parish Office. If your child is in 6<sup>th</sup> class and over and wants to seal their initiation into the Church please fill out the registration form in the foyer and return to Marguerite at the Parish Office.

## **EASTER LITURGIES**

The times of the Easter liturgies are as follows:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (Holy Thursday) at 7pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday) at 10am

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (Good Friday) at 3pm

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April (Holy Saturday) at 7pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**A note for your diary... Parish Dinner will be held on Saturday night May 2nd in the De La Salle & Bethlehem College Hall. More details to come.**

This week we meet married couple Eric and Ma in Fiji who had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they received training supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, and sustainable income & food for life.



Please donate to Project Compassion today and help people in isolated areas in Fiji and gain the skills they need to grow food for life.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or call 1800 024 413.

### **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

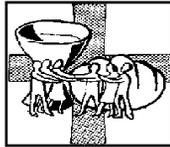
**Saturday** 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

**Polish Mass** 12 noon

**Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel**

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



FOR MEN of all ages: '**On Fatherhood...A day of Reflection and Fellowship for Men**' will consist of a number of reflections provided by members of Schoenstatt Men's Fellowship on the Fatherhood of God and being a father. Mass will be celebrated and the sacrament of confession will be available. Morning and afternoon tea & BBQ Lunch. Hosted by Life, Marriage & Family Centre. WHERE: Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. WHEN: **Saturday, 14 March 2015, 8:00am to 4:00pm.** Donation: \$10. Please direct registration and inquiries to [lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lmfcentre@sydneycatholic.org) or (02) 9390 8405.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2015.** St Teresa of Avila. Bishop David Walker DD, Emeritus Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay, will deliver teachings on St Teresa of Avila in early 2015. St Teresa, a Doctor of the Church, has come to be recognised as one of the great teachers of how to journey to God. Come and join us in exploring the richness of St Teresa's wisdom. All are welcome! The venue for all courses will be The Centre for Christian Spirituality, 14 Frances St Randwick. St Teresa of Avila 1: The Way of Perfection. Dates: Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 & 25 March 2015, 7.00-8.30pm. Course Cost: \$25 To register: <http://trybooking.com/GVFO>

## **First Sunday of Lent**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

**FIRST READING:** I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh (Genesis 9:8-15)

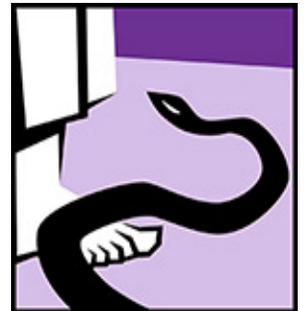
**PSALM:** Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant (Ps 24:4-9)

**SECOND READING:** The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now (1 Peter 3: 18-22)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL:** He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him (Mark 1:12-15)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18  
Ps 115:10, 15-19  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10