

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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015

It's a moving experience to be invited into the inner life of another, for them to share their joys and fears, the memories that have shaped them. Sometimes we talk about such things with someone trusted, putting words and symbols around relationships and experiences that might never be spoken about in any other context. In spiritual direction we have the opportunity to reflect on the way we pray and how we experience God.

This is what Jesus shared with his three closest followers. They had seen Jesus do wonderful things, listened to his words, puzzled over who he really was. Now they had a glimpse of his relationship with God, and it transfigured how they saw him. Lost for words to describe what they experienced, they used expressions like "shining face" and "dazzling clothes", trying to recapture Jesus in his divinity. Sometimes we too get a glimpse of the mystery we call God. It might be at the birth of a child, the grandeur of a mountain range or the stillness of a Null arbor night. You might fleetingly "see" God in a piece of music or the hug of a loved one. As with Peter, James and John, the "vision" is tucked away in our memory, to be remembered in the hard times, the times when we doubt there is a loving God. Our God memories are something to hang on to when the going is tough. When Peter, James and John were afraid, Jesus touched them. Lent is a time to recognise God's touch in the everyday of our lives, even as we grieve or sinfulness.

Judith Lynch (Tarella Spirituality)



Attention all Families

Next Sunday there will be a Family Mass at the 10 am Mass. If your Family would like to participate please contact either Sinead 0420 653 637 or Marguerite 0414 566 961

PARISH PASTORAL PLAN The next discussion group will take place on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. Parishioners interested in attending are asked to put their name down on the list located in the Church foyer. Also as you may remember we had a survey late last year in regards to the Parish Pastoral Plan where many good suggestions were put forward. One suggestion that is being actioned right now is to update our parish website in regards to the different groups around the parish and what they do. This week the Monday Afternoon Prayer Group has been added to the website. To find out information about this group and who to contact please go http://vinash.org.au/parish_group.html.

MASS NEXT WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH

As Fr. Alan has other commitments, Mass next Wednesday 4th March will take place at 9:00am instead of the usual time of midday.

LITURGY GROUP The next meeting of the Liturgy Group will take place on **Monday 9th March at 7pm** in the Parish Meeting Rooms. The purpose of the meeting will be to firm up arrangements for our Easter Liturgies and to discuss what we would like to do with our Liturgies on Easter Sunday and subsequent weeks.

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 10th. St Vincent's Open Day is from 2-4pm whilst 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 - 4pm 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

EASTER LITURGIES

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

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.



Second Sunday of Lent PROJECT COMPASSION



This week we meet Mariama who is raising her daughter in Niger, a country that suffers widespread poverty. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help save the lives of people living on the brink of survival in Niger, giving them access to nutritional support and essential food for life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

1800 024 413

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon

Tuesday 7:00 am

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

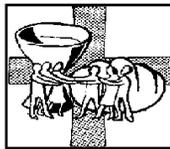
Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

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

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am



Confirmation Program first meeting will be on either **12 March or 18 March** in the Parish Office. If your child is in 6th 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. Confirmation will take place on Sunday 31st May at 2:30pm

Calling all Musicians!

Ashfield Community Band rehearses above St. Vincent's Hall and plays in the local area. We would like to invite local musicians to join us. We are a wind band playing a range of musical styles from jazz/Big Band arrangements to musical/pop/rock arrangements to bits of Verdi and Mozart.

3-week free trial!

Contact Tom: 0404 041 110

secretary@ashfieldcommunityband.com

www.facebook.com/AshfieldCommunityBand

Mt. Carmel Retreat Centre

March 7, day retreat, presenter: Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD. Where: 247 St. Andrews Road, Varroville NSW 2566. Registration: 9:00am—10:15am Retreat: 10:20 to 4:00pm Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Pick-ups from Minto Station 9:30 — 10:00am. Cost: \$20. Contact 02 8795 3400 retreats@carmelite.com.

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Second Sunday of Lent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hid not your face from me.

FIRST READING: The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18)

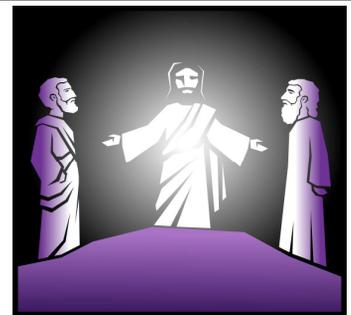
PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living (Ps 115:10, 15-19)

SECOND READING: God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31-34)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him (Mark 9:2-10)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Ps 18:8-11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25