

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time B

June 14, 2015

'From little things big things grow', sang Jimmy Little and Paul Kelly. After we were first married, my mother in law had a tree planting ceremony in our small back garden. It was a tiny little eucalyptus tree and over the passage of time it grew, stretching up and out into the sky. Over the years it has been climbed by little boys, it supported a tree house, it sheltered and shaded us on hot days, when its green blue foliage contrasted so magnificently against the clear blue skies and... it spat gum from its branches onto the washing, leaving horrible brown marks. It attracted possums, kookaburras, rozellas and great big huntsmen spiders that brought screams of fear to the household. I have been prepared to accept the good things about the tree and adapt to the not so good things.

The cycle of life, started with the little seedling is how Jesus talks about the kingdom. It is here and now, despite us...and it throws challenges. It is Life that happens despite us. Things are thrown our way and we through our genuine love of life have to deal with them and 'value add' to Life. The little mustard seed, Jesus talks about, grows into the big tree, but it has its downside...it supports colonies of birds who will peck at the farmers' fields, that take from the profits! The kingdom of God is not a place but a way in which the world operates. It is a kingdom that is ruled by justice and gives precedence to those who are regarded as the insignificant ones in the world. It is a kingdom of promise and hope that inspires and calls all people to more than they currently are.

Marguerite Martin

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Bethlehem Ex-Students will be joining the parish for the 10am mass today.
Welcome!

Mass on Wednesday 17th June will take place at **9:00am** instead of the usual time of midday.

Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Monday 22nd June in the Parish Meeting Rooms at 6.30pm.

For Your Diary: Tuesday 23 June 10am to 2:30pm
An E-Conference from Broken Bay Institute
Religion-Catalyst for Violence or Peace? Probing the Abrahamic Traditions for Answers.
This promises to be a challenging discussion.

Reconciliation Registration Forms

Available in the Foyer Racks. If your child is 7 years or older and baptised Catholic, they are eligible to register to celebrate The Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Although not a Sacrament of Initiation, it initiates your child into the community that rejoices in God's loving forgiveness.



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.

Move to the Eastern Suburbs... Daceyville (Kingsford) Parish of the Archdiocese of Sydney has available a 1-bedroom unit in their Foley Gardens Retirement Village. Close to Prince of Wales hospital and amenities. Please ring Parish Office on 02 9349 1292 for terms and conditions.

The gifts we offer

Have you ever wondered why we process gifts during Mass? After the liturgy of the Word we see people who, on our behalf, bring bread, wine and our monetary contribution to the altar. This is what we see. But what we see with eyes of faith is bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ, and money that reflects our ministry to support our parish leaders and others in need. The gifts are carried from the assembly to the table. But there is more to see. These gifts represent us. They represent all the activities of our week—the high and low moments as well as the ordinariness of our days. Anything at all that we do with love. Some of us might remember being taught a prayer called the ‘morning offering’ where we offered to God all we would do on that particular day. Now we offer our lives, not only individually, but collectively each Sunday. This is the ‘sacrifice’ that we offer.

Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
 Tuesday 7:00 am
 Wednesday 9:00 am
 Thursday 9:00 am

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

Morning Prayer: Saturday 8:40am

Saturday 9:00am Rosary after Mass

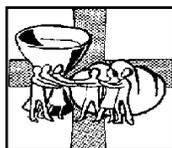
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



MARIST Q & A: Ever wondered what it is like to live in community as a sister, brother or religious priest? Young people who are thinking of religious life and priesthood are invited to come along to get some answers to their questions. A panel of Marists (brothers, sisters and priests) will be available to respond to the questions raised. Soup, bread rolls and coffee/tea will be available. The first session will take place from **6:30pm on 16 June in the Crypt at St Patrick’s, 20 Grosvenor Street, The Rocks.** Please ring **9254 9855** for further enquiries.

Annual Marriage Mass & Renewal of Vows

The Marriage Mass and Renewal of Vows will take place on **Sunday, 12th July at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney, at 10:30am.** All married couples are welcome. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Married couples wishing to attend to renew their vows should register with the Life, marriage and Family Centre on 9307 8404 or LMEvents@sydneycatholic.org. Registered couples celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th or 65th wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

“What do I want to do in life?”

Are you a young adult Catholic (18-35) wondering what direction you want to take in life? If you are why not come along to our Vocations’ Retreat at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre (SW Sydney) on July 24th-26th. If you want more information or to speak with one of the team giving the retreat contact the Centre: 02 8795 3400

Australian Pastoral Musicians Network National Conference

The APMN will be holding a national conference from **1–3 October 2015** in Brisbane. Diarise these dates. A registration brochure with details will follow in a couple of weeks.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or for sake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING: I have made the small tree great (Ezekiel 14:22-24)

PSALM: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Ps 91:2-3, 13-16)

SECOND READING: Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are Intent on pleasing the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: The mustard see, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all (Mark 14:26-34)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.



Next Sunday’s Readings

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Job 38:1, 8-11

Ps 106:23-26, 28-31

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Mark 4:35-41