

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

June 28, 2015

To be given a fresh chance of life....During the week our Parish started the First Reconciliation program. Together the parents shared their experiences of what can be the most maligned sacrament of the church. We shared a few stories, some good and some not so good and we all could relate to both. Johnson Fernandes won't mind me retelling how he was a naughty boy and went to his first reconciliation with some resentment and attitude. Why should he have to go and reveal his "sins"? but the beauty came later when he felt, that in private, he could talk to the Lord about his failings and really feel the warmth of God's love and that new start of a relationship that he had been ignoring. Trusting, in that relationship is Faith. New Life!

I wonder if part of the role of an apostle was also security! Where Jesus went, the crowd pressed in on him. We do hear in other stories of the apostles sending people away, but had they anticipated the bleeding woman, determined to be set right by just a touch and quaking in the consequence of her anti-social action? Yet it is to her, the outcast by her condition and by her gender, that we read the most touching line. Jesus calls her his daughter....now a daughter with a new life!

Talking about Father /daughter relationships, we see Jairus, unfashionably for a synagogue official, seeking help out of total desperation and love for a sick daughter, possibly the apple of his eye, in Faith. What did he personally risk doing this? yet what did he gain....New Life These three stories of vulnerability in front of the Lord all ended in restoration. This is what Faith is all about, trusting in him. *"Do not be afraid: only have faith!"* *Marguerite Martin*

Investiture of the Pallium of Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be held within Mass on Saturday 25th July 2015 at St Mary's Cathedral at 10am. The pallium is an ecclesiastical [vestment](#) in the [Catholic Church](#) bestowed on new Bishops of a Diocese as a symbol of the jurisdiction delegated to them by the Holy See.

The Holy Father's Appeal

This weekend marks the annual appeal. In Pope Francis we have a truly inspirational leader who leads not only in words but in deeds. Here is a humble servant of God who demonstrates the practice of his faith through his mercy, compassion and generosity. His global charitable causes reflect this genuine commitment to help the least of our brothers and sisters. Your donation to the Holy Father's Appeal would be greatly appreciated, and our parish thanks you for your generous partnership in our common mission.

New Planned Giving Envelopes for July 2015 to June 2016 are now ready for collection in the Church foyer.

BAPTISMS

Saturday, 4th July 2015

ANTONIO LUCA DJEMAL
ALYSSIA PATRICIA DSOUZA



For your Diaries!

You are invited to a Communal Penitential Service, with opportunity for Sacramental Reconciliation on Tuesday 14 July at 6.30pm. We have especially invited the families whose children are to prepare for First Reconciliation to attend.

Parish Maintenance The Parish wishes to build a list of **reliable** tradespeople who can be contacted (to work at commercial rates) when necessary to maintain the church property. If you are a Handyman, Electrician, Plumber etc and would be willing to work for the Parish, please leave your contact details with Carmen at the Parish Office or email her at vinstaff@vinash.org.au.

St. Teresa of Avila: The Way of Perfection
 Presented by Bishop David Walker at The Centre
 for Christian Spirituality. Dates: **Wednesday's
 1, 8 & 15 July 2015**, 7:00—8:30pm. Course
 Cost: \$30 Limited Spaces—Bookings Essential.
 To register <http://trybooking.com/HURG> or Ph
 9398 2211.

My sacrifice and yours

*After praising God for the gifts of bread and wine
 the priest invites us to pray that his sacrifice and our
 might be acceptable to God. We cannot be sure that
 our sacrifice will be acceptable to God. But there is
 one sacrifice that is undoubtedly acceptable. And
 that is the sacrifice of Christ's death and
 resurrection. We have no hesitation in praising God
 for Christ's sacrifice. So we believe if we link our
 lives to that of Christ we can but hope that our
 sacrifice—the combine loving actions of our week—
 will also be acceptable. In the Eucharistic Prayer
 we ask that God might 'accept us together with your
 Son' And we ask the Holy Spirit to come down upon
 these gifts to make them holy. Bread, wine, cross,
 priest, people—all of us are on the altar together.
 We stand before God trusting that God will accept
 our sacrifice 'for our good and the good of the holy
 church'.*

Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ

Parish Masses this week:

Monday 12 noon
 Tuesday 7:00 am
 Wednesday 12 noon
 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

**Got some spare time, looking for something
 to do ????????????**

The parish would welcome one or two volunteers to help
 maintain the gardens at the front and back of the Parish
 House and at the side of the church only.
 No committee meetings, no schedules or rosters, just turn
 up when whenever you can. Gardening tools can be
 organised.

'Come Holy Spirit'

"Healing Mass", Friday 3rd July 2015.
St. Therese's Church, 15 Garrong Road,
Lakemba. Rosary: 7pm, Reconciliation:
7-8pm, Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm, Mass:
8pm. Exposition (after Mass) The
celebrant will be Bishop Terry Brady D.D
Enquiries: Rose 9642 2359/0412 115 961
Email: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com.

Bethlehem College is hosting a seminar by
 Melinda Tankard Reist about how to raise kids
 in a sex-saturated world on **Tuesday 14th**
July at 6:30pm. It is such an important issue
 that affects the health and well being of our
 young.

CAEC Marriage Preparation

Preparing for the vocation of marriage? Of Life
 and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend at the
 Catholic Adult Education Centre. Places still
 available for **29 & 30 August** or **7 & 8 November.**
 \$230 per couple. For more information, call **9646**
9010 or go to www.caec.com.au. *A wedding is a
 day, but a marriage is a lifetime*.

**Please do not leave any used items on
 the pamphlet racks, outside the doors
 of the church or in the door of the
 Parish office. Thank you.**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts
 of joy!

FIRST READING: It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world
 (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24)

PSALM: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13)

SECOND READING: Your abundance should supply their want
 (2 Corinthians 8: 7-9, 13-15)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has
 done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Young girl, I say to you, arise (Mark 5:21-43)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me,
 his holy name.



Next Sunday's Readings

**Fourteenth Sunday in
 Ordinary Time B**
 Ezekiel 2:2-5
 Ps 122
 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
 Mark 6:1-6