

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

July 5, 2015

I have wondered why they included today's gospel in the bible. Knowing that all the gospels were written in the light of knowledge that Jesus was truly the Son of God and that his resurrection is our redemption, do we have to read about the rejection and scorn that Jesus experienced, particularly in his own home town. Our humanity can empathise with the pain of rejection that Jesus must have felt. Jesus must have been a kind of celebrity returning home. I wonder how his celebrity status reached the ears of the people back home and why couldn't they acknowledge, what the crowds were acknowledging, the greatness of Jesus the teacher and the healer. Familiarity breeds contempt, they say and maybe the word was that the son of Mary should never achieve this type of attention... after all they really knew who he was! So why include this passage? For the early Christians, the social rejection from Jewish society and their beloved temple was keenly felt; and that Jesus had experienced this style of rejection was comforting and encouraging. For us, how do we stand up in our society as Christians? The experience of rejection is also a reality in many of our lives. Even having and speaking about a personal faith in Christ these days we can risk been derided as fools or even left out of certain circles. It is in this context, we can draw on the same hope and courage that sustained the early Christians.

*Marguerite Martin*

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday 23rd July in the Parish Meeting Rooms at 6:30pm

**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.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday** This Sunday we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. St. Vincent's Catholic Parish Ashfield acknowledges the people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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

The new Planned Giving Envelopes does not have a box for the amount you are donating, can we please request you to write the amount you are giving each week. Also, we would like to remind not to use your old envelopes. Thank you.

**Holy Father's Appeal** Our warm thanks go to everyone in the parish for supporting last weekend's appeal. Through your act of charity, you give hope to those who benefit from Pope Francis' charitable works.

### **Miraculous Medal Novena Mass** **Saturday July 11th 9:00am Mass**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



### 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.

**YOGA CLASSES** resume on Monday 13th July 2015 in the Church hall. Suitable for all ages. Beginners are welcome. Call Ann at 0419 427 486 for details.

**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.

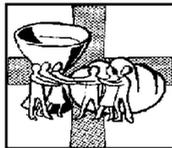
**Parish Maintenance** The Parish wishes to build a list of **reliable** tradespeople who can be contacted (to work at commercial rates) when necessary to maintain the church property. If you are a Handyman, Electrician, Plumber etc and would be willing to work for the Parish, please leave your contact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

***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.

**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



**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 [LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org). Registered couples celebrating 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will also receive a special certificate from Archbishop Fisher.

**Formation Training Workshops for Acolytes** (Preparation for those to be instituted into the official ministry of Acolyte; Completion of Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion is a prerequisite). This training workshop will take place at St. Jerome Parish Punchbowl on Saturday 18th, 25th July and 1st August 2015. Time: 9:30 to 12:00pm.

**Catholics with Sydney Alliance win on issue of Transport Concessions for Asylum Seekers**

Life in Sydney will become a little easier for refugees with last week's announcement from the Premier that around 8,000 asylum seekers living in Sydney will be able to access transport concessions in NSW. These asylum seekers are not permitted to work and many have faced severe mental health issues and social isolation as they wait in limbo for their claims to be processed. Catholic parishes, Vinnies and CatholicCare offer services such as English Language classes for asylum seekers, but many have not been able to access these crucial ministries because of costs of transport. Catholic parishioners, school leaders and clergy in coalition with the Sydney Alliance and many refugee advocates were crucial in successfully campaigning for this issue.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Diocese of Broken Bay and Parramatta, CatholicCare Sydney and Srs. of the Good Samaritan are members of the Sydney Alliance with 42 other faith, union and community organisations.

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" Jeremiah 29:7

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:** The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst (Ezekiel 2:2-5)

**PSALM:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Ps 122)

**SECOND READING:** I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent to bring the Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A prophet is despised only in his own country (Mark 6:1-6)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



**Next Sunday's Readings**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

Amos 7:12-15

Ps 84:9-14

Ephesians 1:13-14

Mark 6:7-13