

# 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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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

July 12, 2015

When I think of James Bond going out on a mission, he always had a meeting with Q and received the preparation and essential luggage, like fantastic gadgets that will stun the opposition and protect him from their bullets and poison darts or some other fiendish plan. Today we have an insight into the Apostles receiving their Mission. At their meeting with Jesus they receive no special tools and no hidden gadgets. They are armed with just the Word of God. If that fell on deaf ears and unreceptive hearts, they were instructed to shake the dust from their shoes as they walked away. No force! No secret weapon! and they were not even to bring a change of clothes!

A few years ago I was fortunate enough to go to Assisi. Like most of us, Francis of Assisi has always been a favourite Saint, I guess because of his peaceful simplicity and his non complicated, non political way of rebuilding God's church. That was what he was asked to do. In a time of corruption and politics, Francis chose to rebuild by doing what Jesus wanted the Church to do.....live simply and live by example, communicating with God and sharing that joy of God and creation with all he came in contact with. In Assisi, I saw under glass, Francis' simple robe with many patches. He only ever had one!

It is the same with the other great Saint of our time, Mother Teresa. She also chose the simplest of lives and would keep no food in her cupboard for later. She loved and fed those the world had forgotten, the least, and it was through them she met the Word of God. Yet from this simplicity and trust that others would provide, she too rocked the world with the word of God.

Our own Mary Mackillop also trusted in God's providence. This trust in God's providence, not worrying about clothing, food and accommodation almost seems fool hardy, particularly in this present economy where we worry about housing affordability, but more so is the level of vulnerability that God asks of us so we share problems and resources with each other. *Marguerite Martin*

**Parish Men's Group** will meet next Tuesday night (July 14<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome.

**Next Sunday we will welcome and pray for the families and children involved in this years Reconciliation program at the 10am and 6pm Masses**

**Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the Parish Meeting Rooms at 6:30pm

## Apostleship of the Sea Sunday

Our global society still depends on commercial shipping. Goods are imported and exported around the world by ship. Today seafarers still face isolation and some unscrupulous practices in their work as they face the dangers of the seas. This Sunday we asked to pray particularly for all seafarers and the Apostleship of the Sea/Stella Maris.

**"The Lord never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness"**

Pope Francis March 17, 2013

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

**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.

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.

**Fr. Michael Walsh** Fr Michael Walsh has once again been diagnosed with very serious cancer. He asks for the prayers and support of the St Vincent's community as he faces an unknown future.

**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



**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.

**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.

**Vinnies Quarterly Report**

In the 3 months of June, the Ashfield conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to help 30 individuals and families with the ever increasing costs of living. Through the ongoing generosity of the Parish, we have been able to assist, put food on the table, provide furniture, clothing and help keep people off the streets. Donations can be made through the Poor Box at the entrance of the Church. The conference would also like to thank the generous response of the Parish to the recent Winter Appeal, where \$5,905.50 was raised. The Society is also seeking further support of the Parish through the donation of unused complimentary admission passes to the Aquatic Centre that Ashfield ratepayers receive when rates are sent from Ashfield. Most families we support do not own property and therefore do not receive these passes. If you do not intend to use your tickets, please donate by placing them on the first or second collection.

**Position Vacant** CatholicCare, Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking applications for 2 senior appointments: Executive Director & Chief Operating Office—Social Care. For a confidential discussion and copy of the Information Pack please contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055. Applications close Friday, 31 July 2015.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**FIRST READING:** Go, prophesy to my people (Amos 7:12-15)

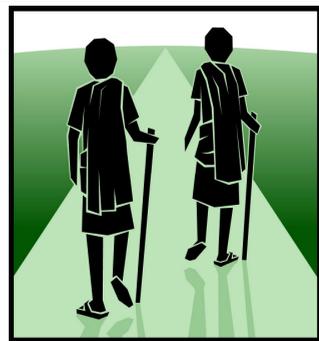
**PSALM:** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation (Ps 84:9-14)

**SECOND READING:** Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-14)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** He called the Twelve, and began to send them out (Mark 6:7-13)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by the altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



**Next Sunday's Readings**

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B  
 Jeremiah 23:1-6  
 Ps 22  
 Ephesians 2:13-18  
 Mark 6:30-34