

# St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**August 2, 2015**

Anthropocentric....is a word used through the recent controversial Papal document (Laudato Si') that calls for the care of creation. Through generations humanity has felt that the creation has been put there just for us...not to marvel and admire but to use up and destroy. Is creation all about us? Or is it all part of the call to care, as well as for each other but all creation as well? Humanity it would seem loves to dominate, as was witnessed in the news this week with the senseless "trophy" killing of a Lion, rather than to protect the world and all that live in it. What humanity shares, with some of the higher orders of creation, is the ability and the need to relate and care to flourish.

Social scientists have done studies like this with human children...provided all the essential needs for life. Food, drink, warmth, cleanliness and yet with a group of orphans through war time they noticed that despite their physical needs being met, the children failed to thrive. It was only when the children received attention, cuddles, play and conversation that the situation reversed.

Last week, in the gospel about the feeding of the 5000, Jesus provided for the physical needs, the bread. This week he promises more... the ability to make us thrive in the kingdom. He promises himself. *I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*

Jesus' promise is to be the vitality of life. We have to first come and believe before we are fully satisfied. Real bread is meant to be bitten off, tasted and chewed before it is properly consumed and digested. Jesus is the bread of life. Can we confidently bite in and chew the challenge that is this bread of life?

*Marguerite Martin*

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

## **Charitable Works Fund**

Collection for the Second Charitable Works Fund Appeal of the year will take place all masses this Sunday 2nd August. Our quota for this appeal is \$4,497.20. Envelopes are available on the seats or in the Church foyer.

## **Parish Finance Committee Meeting**

The Parish Finance Committee Meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th August at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms.

## **Miraculous Medal Novena Mass**

### **Saturday 8th August 9:00am Mass**

Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers will be recited within the Mass.



## **Fr. Alan absences during August**

Fr. Alan will be away on holidays from 7—14 August. He will then be away attending the Vincentian Provincial Assembly from Sunday afternoon 16th August until Friday 21st August.

## **On Saturday 22 August our morning Mass will be at 10am.**

**This will be a special Mass especially for Fr Michael Walsh's healing.**

A big **Thank You** to Kenneth and Bill of Croydon, who have done work recently around the Parish House garden and beside the church. If there are any volunteers to help progress the work, don't be shy, just knock on the door at the Parish House and Carmen will point you in the right direction. Garden tools can be provided.

**LAUDATO SI'.** The Australian Catholic University's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy is hosting a panel discussion on **6<sup>th</sup> August 2015** at the North Sydney campus. Bishop Peter Comensoli, Fr. Denis Edwards, Jacqui Remond and Paul O'Callaghan will discuss the encyclical and the Holy Father's call to action and integral ecology. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information or to register visit [www.acu.edu.au/integralecology](http://www.acu.edu.au/integralecology).

**'Come Holy Spirit'**

**"Healing Mass", Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 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**

**The Confessions of St. Augustine**

Presented by Bishop David Walker at the Centre for Christian Sprituality, Randwick. Wednesday's 12, 19, 26 August and 2 September, 7-8:00pm. Cost \$40 limited spaces, bookings essential. Register <http://trybooking.com/HYBD> or 9398 2211.

**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

*St. Mel's Parish Campsie*

*Cordially invites past & present parishioners and students to attend The Centenary Celebration of St. Mel's Catholic Church & School*

*On Sunday, 9th August 2015 at 10:00am*

*St. Mel's Catholic Church*

*7 Evaline Street, Campsie NSW 2194*

*RSVP by 31st July 2015*

*Diane Daher—St Mel's Parish Office at 02 9787*

**World Youth Day Deanery Information Nights - 11 August to 16 September**

Interested in being a part of World Youth Day 2016 in Poland? The Archdiocese of Sydney is offering four different pilgrimage options for young adults aged 18-35. There are a range of local information nights being held to provide opportunity to learn about various pilgrimages, costs, how to register and to ask any questions you may have. For more information [www.catholicyouthservices.org/wyd](http://www.catholicyouthservices.org/wyd).

***It is Christ we greet***

*Our baptism unites us with Christ and commissions us to do his work in our world. Our official work happens on Sunday when we gather as Christ's body for a liturgy. At a time when all the world seems to be preoccupied with threats from hostility our responsibility is even greater. We must do all we can to beseech God to soften the hearts of those who would wish harm on others. But we do not speak as individuals. It is one body that gathers, one voice that speaks, one Body united in Christ that stands before our God with confidence. So as we gather to do this holy work in his name, let's make an effort to greet ours sisters and brothers in Christ.*

*Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ*

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING:** I will rain bread from heaven upon you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15)

**PSALM:** The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Ps 77:3-7, 23-25, 54)

**SECOND READING:** Put on the new person that has been created in God's image (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



**Next Sunday's Readings**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B**

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

**Ps 33:2-9**

**Ephesians 4:30—5:2**

**John 6:41-51**