

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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

August 9, 2015

When we were young we used to go to a particular bakers for our mother, to buy the bread. The loaf was called a Crusty Bloomer....with all the varieties of bread available today, I have never see that one again! On the way home, we used to pull the delicious, soft, freshly baked bread from the centre of the loaf and eat it, leaving only the shell of the crust. Our knowing mother used to order two, probably because she knew of her offspring's ravenous hungers walking home... and so there would be bread for the table. I hunger sometimes for the good ol' days without responsibilities.

Jesus has this way of using the everyday to enter into the complexity of all human conditions. Hunger and thirst would be the basic of our needs. Bread and drink can satisfy but is that really what level we are at. We want more. Our hungers are so much deeper. These are hungers that can cripple and prevent life from being lived fully. There are times when we are starving for deeper understanding, for relationship, for that touch to enter into our hunger. Jesus said 'I am the Bread of Life.....the living bread'

More than the Crusty Bloomer, Jesus as bread promises to bring Life. Do we believe? And if we do are we Bread of Life to others?

What type of bread do we have to be? The bread of compassion, of understanding, of tenderness, the bread of provision and action.

Marguerite Martin

Bread of life,
come to us in our moments of deepest need,
and sustain us in our own wildernesses of
rejection and misunderstanding that we may
never die to your call to live in love as you
love us. Amen.

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.

Parish Men's Group will meet next Tuesday night (August 11th) at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Rooms. An informal gathering of discussion and prayer. All new and past participants would be most welcome.

Feast of Assumption Saturday 15th

August As this is a holy day of obligation there will be two masses in the parish to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The first mass be a Vigil Mass and will take place on Friday 14th August at 6.30pm. The second mass will take place on Saturday 15th August at 9am. Mass for this Feast will also take place on Saturday 15th August at 9am at Cardinal Freeman Village.

On Saturday 22 August our morning mass will be at 10am. The mass will be offered for Fr. Michael Walsh's healing. Morning tea will take place in the Parish Office following the mass on this day.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$2,626**, so if you still want to make a donation, please place your donation in the special envelopes available on the seats or at the back of the church and place it either on the collection plate or drop it in the Parish office.

Pastoral Year Student Benjamin Paka will be arriving in Australia on 12th August 2015 and will stay until 10th November 2015. Benjamin is from the Solomon Islands and has been working in a parish in Fiji for the past few months. He will be doing similar work here at St Vincent's Ashfield. He will be introduced to the parish community at the 8am and 10am masses on Sunday 16th August and at the 6pm mass on Sunday 23rd August. Please make him welcome.

Is there anyone you could invite?

We are holding two inquiry sessions for those who are interested in the Catholic Faith. Maybe you have never been baptised, or were baptised Catholic but never brought up in the faith or baptised into another Christian tradition. Maybe you have a catholic partner and/or catholic children and would like to make that step.

You would be most welcome to our inquiry nights in the Parish Offices (12 Bland St) on either Wednesday 9 September or Thursday 17 September at 7pm.

Catholic Women's League Summer Hill invites you to a "Reflection Day" on Friday, August 28th at St. Patrick's, Drynan Street, Summer Hill beginning with Mass at 10:00am followed by a Reflection by St. Michele Connolly RSJ. BYO lunch. Tea/Coffee supplied. RSVP: Cecily Ristuccia at 9798 5059.

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.

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

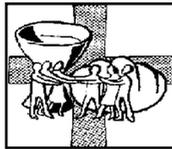
Sunday: 8am, 10:00am 6:00pm

Polish Mass 12 noon

Cardinal Freeman Village Chapel

Tuesday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am

Friday 9:00am — Communion Service



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the land (1 Kings 19:4-8)

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 33:2-9)

SECOND READING: Walk in love, just in Christ (Ephesians 4:30—5:2)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: I am the living bread come down from heaven (John 6:41-51)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ps 33:2-3, 10-15

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

Expressions of Interest for Parish Pastoral Council

December will mark the end of the terms of a number of current members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council is seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who wish to contribute to the leadership and pastoral guidance of the parish. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested in joining the Council, please advise Father Alan or contact the Parish office.

"My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is."

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.

The Sign of Peace

On Sunday we offer each other the sign of peace during Mass. What is the meaning of this gesture? We get a clue from the ancient church. The kiss of peace, as it was called then, was much more than a mere greeting. The sign of peace took place after the homily. At this time the Catechumens had to leave. So the sign of peace marked the beginning of the liturgy of the Eucharist that was only for the fully initiated. It was an acknowledgement of Christ's presence in each of the baptised and that the Christian assembly, the Church, Christ's Body was about to offer sacrifice in his name.

Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ