

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time B

August 16, 2015

Last week, at First Reconciliation preparation sessions, we discussed the concept of Gift. Gifts we have received and gifts we hope for. Of course the children had a huge range of gifts to talk about, from DSI's and computer games to books and teddies. Then we spoke about gifts that they have given. The top pick were the cards that they had made for their mother or father, that they thought were truly special because of the thought and effort that **they** put in. Gifts aren't the actual present you see, they are the thought in the giving from one heart to another. The present only indicates the gift of the little bit of self/thought given.

This week we have celebrated the gift of life in the Assumption, where a son shares that little bit of self with his mother in the gift of Resurrection. Jesus message was Life giving, sustainable and exciting life, not the dreary drudgery of just living. Jesus came to share his reality...the real presence we call it. What was his reality? It was flesh and blood, it was a presence that calmed the storm, healed the sick and tortured and fed in abundance the hungry. This is his gift; real presence, fed by his body and blood in real bread and real wine given from his heart to ours. To ignore this gift and to not let it feed us with the very nature of Jesus' real presence in the world is to deny the Life given and the blood shed for each of us.

Marguerite Martin

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.

Sunday 30th August 2015 is both Migrant and Refugee Sunday and Mission Sunday:

Propagation of Faith Appeal This particular Sunday is a celebration of the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia. Praneeti Cyril from Catholic Mission will be speaking at all masses on that day. Praneeti is also a member of our parish community.

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 this Sunday 16th August and at the 6pm mass on Sunday 23rd August. Please make him welcome.

Fr. Alan's absences during August

Fr. Alan will be away from 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. Communion Services will take the place of weekday masses from Monday 17th August up to and including Thursday 20th August.

Charitable Works Fund Appeal

Thank you to all those who have generously supported the CWF Appeal. The current outstanding balance is **\$1,793** 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.

We welcome Club Ashfield and Members celebrating their 50th Annual Mass at the 10am

Slowly the plans for the **Blessed Sacrament Chapel** are being put into place. This smaller space is ideal for small community worship i.e early morning mass, adoration etc So far the chapel has been painted, cushions have been made to seat children and the kneelers on the prie-dieu are to be recovered and a small table /altar for Mass and some comfortable chairs sourced.

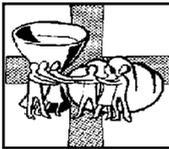
Since the return of the Stations of the Cross last year a thought had been to make a wall hanging/painting depicting "Resurrection" that would hang behind the tabernacle. It would be very special if this design, in what ever medium, came from our own community. To this end we are asking for submissions re: design from the very talented Ashfield Parish Community, including the Zimbabwean and Polish community, St Vincent's Primary, Bethlehem College or De La Salle College.

You are invited to view the space.

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

Parish Masses this week:

Monday Communion Service
 Tuesday Communion Service
 Wednesday Communion Service
 Thursday Communion Service



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

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."

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.

The Sign of Peace 2

The sign of peace is offered amongst the faithful whether the priest or deacon invites it or not. This is an important part of the Communion Rite and reminds us of the John Paul II's statement that 'communion with Christ is deeply tied to communion with our sisters and brothers', In the spirit of Matthew we offer peace to the person beside us. It is a reminder also to recognise Christ in the person who will be in communion with us when we come to the table to become one in Christ through eating and drinking the memorial sacrifice of love. Sr. Carmel Pilcher RSJ

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared (Proverbs 9.1-6)

PSALM: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Ps 33:2-3, 10-15)

SECOND READING: Be watchful that you may know the will of God (Ephesians 5:15-20)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink (John 6:51-58)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time B

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69